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SUMMARY.

A new Mahdi in the Soudan, who had gathered many followers, has been captured and hanged.

Troops made a *forced* march of 200 miles across the desert to Dar Tagulla, where the Mahdi was surrounded and captured.

The success of the operations was due to the extraordinary rapidity of the march.

On the return journey three-fourths of the soldiers were down with fever.

Japan has seized the Russian steamer Progress, which sank the Japanese steamer Tokai Maru by collision on the high seas.

Russia disclaims liability for damages, and threatens to seize a Japanese mail steamer unless the Progress is released.

British imports in November increased by £2,605,535, and exports decreased by £1,661,445, compared with November, 1902.

Two of the largest potteries in Staffordshire are opening works in Germany.

By starting works in Germany, one firm states it will be able to compete with Germany and America and send products to England.

The Shipping Ring will despatch a steamer to Sydney and Melbourne every Saturday in January and February.

The French Government has spent £5,000,000 in a few years in the Central African colonies without a penny being received in return.

Major Marchand has been appointed to undertake the unification of the French colonies around the Congo and to reduce expenditure.

Mr. James Knowles, editor of the "Nineteenth Century," has been knighted.

The Chinese Court is excited over the British expedition to Thibet. The Chinese Resident at Lhassa has been ordered to be very circumspect.

The extra session of the United States Congress was at noon on Monday merged into the regular session.

President Roosevelt utilised the interval between the first and last stroke of 12 o'clock as a recess.

In that brief period the President made some recess appointments.

The White League requested the Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal to refer the question of importation of Asiatics for the mines to a referendum.

Sir A. Lawley replied that his experience of the referendums in Australia was not encouraging.

Th question was too complex to render a simple intelligible issue practicable.

Bluejackets from H.M.S. Mohawk landed on the Somaliland coast and burned Fort Durbo. Commander Gaunt was wounded and 30 natives were killed.

Lord Crewe states that Mr. Chamberlain's preferential trade proposals would contract the volume of trade.

Hence if there were fewer imports and fewer exports to pay for them there would be less employment.

The party of Independence in the Hungarian Diet has ceased its policy of obstruction.

The Petriana scandal has caused a howl of indignation throughout the whole of Victoria.

Ministerial candidates are being asked ugly questions about it.

The Prime Minister, who formerly was reticent, is now anxious to make copious explanations.

It is generally accepted that the blunder and humiliation of the Commonwealth will even in Victoria cost the Government thousands of votes.

The treatment of Hans Stelling as a prohibited immigrant has created much indignation.

The printing of the Federal rolls has been completed in all the States.

At a meeting at Sydney yesterday it was decided to form a Preferential Trade League.

A public meeting will be held here to further the progress of preferential trade.

A deputation from the Winegrowers' Association yesterday asked the Minister for Mines to amend the Colonial Wine Licensing Act.

It is desired that storekeepers and grocers should have wine licenses to sell by the bottle.

The wine industry gave employment to over 5000 people in the State, but was hampered by the Act.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were yesterday presented with two handsome pieces of plate by the city aldermen.

The election of Lord Mayor of Sydney will takes place to-day.

The great Waimangu geyser, N.Z., was very active yesterday, playing 150 times. On Monday it shot a column 1000ft high.

New South Wales won the cricket match with South Australia by an innings and 297 runs.

South Australia scored 175 in the second innings. Claxton made 54. Hopkins took five wickets.

The New Zealand Government will give a subsidy of £1000 to the Wellington Industrial Exhibition to be held next November.

The results of the Government tests show that the average of water in 266 samples of New Zealand butter was 10.32.

The average of water in Canadian butter was 12.31.

The Melbourne University debt amounts to £25,000. The Government grant has been reduced by £3750 a year.

The trouble in the timber trade in the south-west of Western Australia is still unsettled.

The R.M.S. Sonoma, from San Francisco, arrived at Auckland early yesterday. She should reach Sydney on Saturday.

Sydney M'Leod, 18, committed suicide at Ballarat by taking strychnine.

The tender of James Howden and Co., Glasgow, for plant for additional electric power at Ultimo has been accepted.

The Prime Minister left Melbourne for Tasmania yesterday.

At the inquest into the fire which destroyed Clontarf pavilion a verdict was returned that the premises were maliciously set on fire by some person or persons unknown.

Mrs. J. W. Lane, owner of the Clontarf pleasure grounds, said an attempt had been made to burn the pavilion on October 15.

Private J. Goode, of H.M.S. Torch, whilst acting as marker at the Flemington rifle range, was accidentally shot, and died in a few hours.

In the action brought by Mme. Slapoffski against Mr. G. Musgrove the jury awarded plaintiff £25 a week for the period in dispute.

The jury also decided against defendant on the counter-claim.

The report of the commission of inquiry into the day labour system at Prince Alfred Hospital has been issued.

It is recommended that a local government bill be passed as quickly as possible.

The Works Department should be placed under a commission, which should have power to determine whether a work be done by day labour or contract.

A Melbourne resident proposes to provide a trophy worth 250 guineas for the England v Australia cricket matches.

The Melbourne Court of Marine Inquiry has reserved judgment in regard to the wreck of the Petriana.

The pilot attributed the accident to his being misled by the sound of the signals owing to the fog and to the inaccuracy of the bearings.

H.M.S. Phoebe having been relieved by H.M.S. Pylades in New Zealand waters, returned to Sydney at midnight.

The receipts of wheat by rail last week were almost double those of any previous week this year.

Christmas orders were freely received in the Import market yesterday, bulk trade continuing slow.

At the tea auction the proportion of the catalogue disposed of was light, buyers exhibiting no desire to operate.

There was an improved tone in the produce markets yesterday. Prices, however, were mostly unaltered.

There were few fluctuations in the Mining market yesterday. Only moderate business was transacted.

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ORMUZ	6387	Shelford	Jan. 30	Feb. 2	Feb. 4
ORCTAVA	3887	Collins	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 18
†OROYA	6297	Jenks	Feb. 24	Mar. 1	Mar. 3
†*ORONTES	9023	Ruthven	Mar. 9	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
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TO THE WESTERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

To Main Line Stations beyond Wallerawang, and to the Blayney-Cowra, Grenfell, Forbes, Warren, Cobar, and Brewarrina Branch Lines, at 3.0 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

To stations on the Condobolin Line at 7.30 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

To stations on the Coonamble Line, at 9.0 p.m. on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

To stations Eskbank to Wallerawang inclusive, and to the Mudgee Line, at 9.15 a.m., on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

TO THE SOUTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

To stations on the Corowa Line by the 7.10 p.m. Melbourne Express train from Sydney, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

To Main Line stations Douglas Park to Albury, inclusive, also to Harden-Cowra, Grenfell, Gundagai, Tumut, Tumora, and Wyalong lines, also from stations Old Junee to Narranderra, and Lockhart Branch Line, at 9.15 p.m. on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

To stations on the Germanton Line by the 7.10 p.m. Melbourne Express from Sydney on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

To stations Yanco to Hay and Cuddell to Finley inclusive, by the Mail train leaving Sydney at 8.50 p.m. on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

TO SYDNEY.

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From stations Inverell to Mungie Bundie on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

From stations on the Wee Waa-Burren Extension, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22d

Stations.		Times.	Return Fares to Sydney. 1st-Cl.	1st-Cl.	2nd-Cl.	2nd-Cl.
			s	d	s	d
Jennings	Dep.	4.6 p.m., Fri., Dec. 18	61	0	40	10
Armidale	"	11.38 p.m., "	44	9	29	10
Moree	"	5.0 p.m., "	31	8	24	5
Narrabri	"	11.30 p.m., "	27	2	18	1
Singleton	"	9.56 a.m., Sat., Dec. 19	18	5	12	8

FROM THE WESTERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

From stations Bourke to Minore, inclusive, and from the Cobar, Warren, and Coonamble Lines; also from stations Orange to Lawson, inclusive, and from Springhead on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

From stations on the Forbes, Condobolin, Blayney-Cowra, and Grenfell Lines; from stations Dubbo to Marsh, inclusive, and from the Mudgee Line, on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

From stations on the Brewarrina Line on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

			s	d	s	d
Bourke	Dep.	5.0 p.m., Fri., Dec. 18	62	11	41	11
Dubbo	"	4.0 a.m., Sat., "	39	9	25	2
Forbes	"	2.40 p.m., "	30	2	20	1
Orange	"	12.10 a.m., Fri., "	18	3	12	1
Bathurst	"	12.20 a.m., Sat., "	18	2	12	1
Mudgee	"	7.15 a.m., "	19	28	9	15

FROM THE SOUTHERN LINE AND BRANCHES.

From stations Goulburn to Douglas Park inclusive, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

From stations Albury to Yarra inclusive; also the Branch Lines (except the Germanton Branch) on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

From the Germanton Branch on MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

			s	d	s	d
Albury	Dep.	3.45 p.m. Sat. Dec. 19	48	3	32	2
Hay	"	9.25 a.m., "	36	9	25	10
Junee Junc.	"	7.48 a.m., "	25	11	18	11
Cootamundra	"	9.30 a.m., "	31	8	21	1
Cowra	"	5.30 p.m., "	23	2	22	1
Goulburn	"	4.10 p.m., Fri., Dec. 18	16	9	11	2

FROM THE SOUTH COAST LINE.

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Nowra	Dep. 1.40 p.m.	Fri., Dec. 18	11 6	7 8
Kiama	" 3.35 p.m.		8 11	5 11
Wollongong	" 3.58 p.m.		7 6	5 0

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The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Royal-chambers, Hunter and Castlereagh streets, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1904, at 3 p.m.
BUSINESS:
To receive Report and Balance-sheet; to Elect 2 Patrons, a President, 15 Vice-Presidents, 11 Members of the Council, an Honorary Treasurer, and 2 Auditors, to fill vacancies caused by the retirement of Office-bearers, by the effluxion of time, in accordance with Rule No. 19.
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PREFERENTIAL TRADE.
A MEETING of SUPPORTERS of PREFERENTIAL TRADE will be held at the Rooms of the Royal Society, Elizabeth-street, at 4 p.m. on THURSDAY NEXT, December 10th.
BUSINESS: To receive report of the Provisional Executive Committee and to constitute the League.
J. G. MACDONALD, Acting Secretary.

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS REFERENDUM.
Mr. JOHN J. COHEN, M.L.A., will Address the Electors at the Petersham Town Hall on WEDNESDAY, 9th instant, at 8 p.m.
His Worship the Mayor will preside.

WOMEN'S Political Educational League, School of Arts, 8 p.m. Reduction of Members and Referendum. Views of each party. Speakers: Messrs. D. Levy and W. A. Holman, M.'s L.A. All cordially invited. Rose Scott, prov.

A GENERAL MEETING POSTMASTERS' ASSOCIATION, will be held at Queen's Hall, Pitt-street, TO-NIGHT, 8. Business: Election of Officers.
J. G. WILLISON, Secretary pro. tem.

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I.O.L. 78.—R.A.P. Meeting in St. Paul's School at 7.30 o'clock To-night. A. H. Coleman, Sec.

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Both Principal and Interest will be made payable at the Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand.

Dividends, represented by coupons attached to the Debentures, will be payable on the 1st February and the 1st August in each year during the currency of the Loan, at the Cashier's Office, Treasury, Wellington, or at any Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in New Zealand or Australia.

At the option of the holder of any debenture, and on application made in that behalf at the Treasury, Wellington, New Zealand, he may at any time during its currency have the interest payable, both as to principal and interest, at any specified Branch of the Bank of New Zealand in Australia: Provided that the indorsement shall be made not less than one month before the due date of the next ensuing payment of interest.

Scrip Certificates (with Coupon attached for the payment of Interest for the broken period from the 4th January to the 1st February, 1904) will be issued, to be exchanged for the Debenture-bonds with Interest-coupons attached.

The first six months' interest, calculated upon the nominal amount of the Debenture, will be payable on the 1st August, 1904.

The issue-price will be at the rate of £100 in money for every £100 expressed in debentures (below which no tender will be accepted), payable as follows:—
Deposit of 5 per cent. on application.
First instalment of 45 per cent. on MONDAY, 4th January, 1904.
Second instalment of 50 per cent. on MONDAY, 1st February, 1904.

Payments may be made in full at any time on or after the 4th January, 1904, and prior to the 1st February, 1904, at a discount at the rate of one pound ten shillings per centum per annum.

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the Secretary to the Treasury, Government-buildings, Wellington, accompanied with the 5 per cent. deposit, will be received up to noon of WEDNESDAY, 23rd December, 1903, when they will be opened in the presence of the Colonial Treasurer and the Controller and Auditor-General, and allotment will be made. If cheques are tendered with the Tender, they must be drawn upon a Bank in Wellington, and be marked by such Bank as "good" for fourteen days. Cheques issued by a Bank need not be so marked.

Tenders may be for the whole or any part of the Loan, and must state what amount of money will be given for every £100 of the Debentures tendered for. Tenders must be for pounds sterling, or for pounds and shillings, and at prices which are multiples of sixpence. Tenders at different prices must be on separate forms. The nominal amount of Debentures tendered for must be written on the outside of the Tender.

In case of delay in the payment of any instalment at its proper date, the deposit and instalment (if any) previously paid will be liable to forfeiture. If no allotment is made the deposit will be returned.

The first and second instalments may be paid at any Branch of the Bank of New Zealand, either in the colony or Australia, to the credit of the Public Account, or at the Treasury, Wellington, not later than the several dates prescribed.

Tenders must be on printed forms, which may be obtained at the Cashier's Office, Treasury, Wellington, or at the Offices of the Bank of New Zealand at Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, or Dunedin.

Office of the Colonial Treasurer,
Wellington, 25th November, 1903.

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TENDERS FOR ANNUAL VALUATION.
TENDERS will be received up till 12 o'clock noon on SATURDAY NEXT, 12th inst., from Persons competent to make the Annual Valuation of all Rateable Property within this Borough for the Municipal year 1904-5. The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted. Specifications may be seen at the Council Chambers, Queen Victoria-street, Bexley.
RICHARD W. CHURCHILL,
Council-chambers, Council Clerk.
Bexley, December 7, 1903.

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Lot 1.—White, Black and Coloured European Silks and Satins	£634	4 0
Lot 2.—Chiffons, Silk Underclothing, and Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs	71	6 2
Lot 3.—Gentlemen's Silk Pyjamas, Silk Shirts, an i Silk Handkerchiefs	130	15 0
Lot 4.—Japanese Embroidered Silk and Satin Goods	52	11 11
Lot 5.—Paper Goods, Fans and Baskets	10	11 8
Lot 6.—Japanese Crockery Ware	11	6 3
Lot 7.—Tapestry Racquets	20	10 7
Lot 8.—Japanese Curios	16	12 6
Lot 9.—3 Pianos by F. Hundt and Sohns	104	0 0
Lot 10.—Fixtures and Flask	37	15 0
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ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A.,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 9th December, 1903.

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ALBERT BORCHARD, F.S.I.A.,
Incorporated Accountant,
Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 9th December, 1903.

IN THE ESTATE OF EUGENE M'EVOY (deceased), of 169 Clarence-street.
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Jewellery and sundries	£1669 13 8
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care of John M'Evoy and Sons,
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TENDERS are invited till FRIDAY, at Noon, NEXT for the PURCHASE of the undermentioned ASSETS, viz.:—
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In the Matter of EATON, GRANT, and CO., Ltd. (in Liquidation),
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PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.
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The Stock consists of choice Australian Wines, used in connection with the business, and stored in Bulk Cellars No. 157-163 Trafalgar-street, Annandale. These can be inspected on application.
Full details of Stock, Plant, and Book Debts will be advertised in a few days.
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Liquidator,
Kent, Belerley, and Sully,
3 The Strand.
December 9th, 1903.

MARBLE TABLES for Refresh. Rms., large and sm., from 10s 6d. Charles Campbell, 287 Clarence-st.

NEW SOUTH WALES INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB AND THE BLIND.
SEALED TENDERS for the undermentioned SUPPLIES for the year 1904 are hereby invited, and will be received up to 9 a.m. on MONDAY, 14th December:—
1. BREAD AND FLOUR
2. BUTCHER'S MEAT
3. GROCERIES
4. MILK
5. POTATOES
6. COAL AND WOOD
7. BOOTS AND SHOES
8. REPAIRING BOOTS.
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Chief Secretary's Office,
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REDUCTION OF MEMBERS' REFERENDUM.
WRIT OF ELECTION.
I HEREBY NOTIFY that I am this day in receipt of a Writ from his Excellency the Governor directing, in pursuance of the provisions of the "Reduction of Members Referendum Act," 1903, that the question of the reduction of the number of Members of the Legislative Assembly shall be submitted to the Voters by the ballot of those persons entitled to vote thereon.
I also notify that the following arrangements have been made in connection therewith, viz.:—
DATE OF WRIT—WEDNESDAY, 2nd December, 1903.
POLLING DAY—WEDNESDAY, 16th December, 1903.
RETURN OF WRIT—Within Thirty Days after the day on which the Vote is taken.
J. GIBSON,
Returning Officer for the State of New South Wales.
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We have pleasure in notifying our Friends and Constituents that we have been successful in forming a LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY to take over and carry on the business of ALEX. DEAN and SONS.
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Equitable-buildings, George-street.
Sydney, 9th December, 1903.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP carried on by the undersigned under the name of CLARKE and CO., as Produce Merchants and Agents, at three hundred and fifty-three Sussex-st, Sydney, has been DISSOLVED by mutual consent as from the 30th November, 1903, and all DEBTS owing to the said Partnership shall be payable to the undersigned, Alan Herbert North, or as he may appoint. Dated 29th November, 1903. ALAN H. NOTT, F. H. CLARKE. Witness: A. J. REYNOLDS, Solicitor, Sydney. I notify that I have appointed the said Frederick Rayner Clarke my Attorney to receive moneys due to the said Partnership. Dated 25th November, 1903. ALAN H. NOTT. Witness: A. J. REYNOLDS.

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The Treasury,
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PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

BY HON. B. R. WISE, K.C.

X.

Freetrade is not a policy of mere negation, but an expedient for promoting commercial unity. Yet even in Cobden's time there were freetraders so fanatical that they charged even Cobden himself with being a "protectionist," because he negotiated a commercial treaty betwen France and England. History repeats itself. Enthralled by the verbal jingle of an abstract dogma, there are those who cannot see that while every tariff is an obstruction to the circulation of commodities, it is equally an obstruction on one frontier as at another. "It is not," as Mr. John Morley writes, commenting in his "Life of Cobden" upon this episode, "freetrade between any two countries that is the true aim, but to remove obstacles in the way of a free circulation of commodities," so that it follows, as he points out further, that "it is beside the mark to meet the advantages gained by the international action of commercial treaties by the formula, 'Take care of your imports and your exports will take care of themselves.'"

But if it was desirable in Cobden's time to get an outlet for British goods by means of treaties, it is become now a matter of imperative necessity, when channel after channel is being closed to these by hostile tariffs, and when it is openly declared to be the purpose of our enemies to strike at the supremacy of Britain through her commerce. Formulae, text-books, and abstractions can give no help in such a case as this. The 430 millions of foreigners, who, entrenched behind their tariffs, wage commercial warfare with Great Britain, have already given a direction to the contest, and removed it altogether from the arena of abstract science. Every sentiment and aspiration of humanity has flooded and perturbed the issue, and dry dogmas are being swept away in the deep, strong current of national antagonisms. We are not being asked to solve a problem of science but rather to take part in a deal or a fight; and as Mr. Chamberlain has said—"If it comes to a deal England should have something to deal with, and if it comes to a fight she should have something to fight with."

"But," at once reply our chicken-hearted optimists, "will your weapons be of any use? Has retaliation ever been successful?" No one, I suppose, ever goes into a fight without a risk of losing something, nor perhaps without some alarm. But the American advice in such a case is sound, viz., "to remember that the other fellow is probably even more frightened than you are!" Anyhow, it is not in an Englishman's nature to take a licking lying down—even though resistance be not according to "freetrade." Accordingly, even if retaliation did not prove successful, the temptation would be great to make a trial of it. But we have a recent illustration to serve us as a guide in the relations between Germany and Russia. A tariff war broke out between those countries in August, 1893. A tariff peace was made in March, 1894, and the immediate effect of that tariff peace was that the exports between those two countries increased by 200 per cent. The case is so much in point that I will cite it in more detail.

I have taken the following from the "Times" of October 23 last:—

"In 1893 Germany came to the conclusion that the Russian tariff was operating disastrously against the importation of German industrial products into Russia, which was of vital importance to her in view of the large amount of foodstuffs and raw materials she was accustomed to import from Russia. She decided to have recourse to tariff hostilities, and by exercising severe reprisals upon the agricultural interests of Russia she brought the latter Power within a few months to her knees. A new commercial treaty was signed early in 1894 with the result that, as compared with 1892, Russo-German trade had in 1896 not only already recovered the losses of the tariff war, but showed an increase alike in imports and exports of 50 per cent. Russian exports into Germany, which in 1892 had only amounted to 383,386,000 marks, amounted in 1896 to 634,671,000 marks, and German imports into Russia likewise rose from 239,485,000 in 1892 to 364,664,000 in 1896. Nor was this merely a temporary reaction such as might be expected to follow upon the close of tariff hostilities. Russo-German trade continued to increase steadily in 1897 and 1898, when Russian exports into Germany reached 736,519,000 and German imports into Russia 446,506,000 marks. In 1901, the last year for which returns have been published, the Russian exports into Germany amounted to 729,543,000, but, owing to a wave of depression in Germany, German imports into Russia had receded to 345,904,000 marks, which figure still shows an excess of more than five millions sterling for the year over the ante bellum returns.

"Do not these figures show efficiency of retaliatory weapons? Do they not show that by using for the purposes of a short and sharp conflict the autonomous tariff with which she had armed herself, Germany secured a durable peace and enhanced prosperity, whilst had Germany not been thus armed Russia would have been able to close her doors with impunity against German manufactures?"

FREEDO

LAW REPORT.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Acting Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

CLAIM FOR RENT OF A PADDOCK.

Collins v. Finn.

Mr. James, instructed by Mr. C. J. Fraser, of Gundagai (by his agent, Mr. D. M. Myers), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the defendant. This was an action brought by George Collins against Hugh Finn to recover the sum of £120 balance of account for the rent of a paddock at Bongongo, near Colac, comprising 2500 acres, for six months from November 2, 1902, at £160.

The defendant pleaded that the plaintiff represented, contrary to the fact, that the paddock contained 2500 acres, that it was securely fenced, well watered, and that there was good grass thereon. The result was that a large number of the sheep died of starvation, and others became in such poor condition that defendant had to employ men to cut scrub for the sheep, and he had also to buy food for the animals. The loss and expense he had thus been put to he was willing to set off against the plaintiff's claim.

His Honor, in summing up, ruled that there was a warranty in the case as set out by defendant, and the question was whether there had been a breach of that warranty. The onus of proving that fact rested upon defendant.

The jury returned a verdict for plaintiff in the full amount claimed.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR DAMAGE TO GOODS. THE LAW AS TO SEAWORTHINESS. PLAINTIFFS NONSUITED

Briscoe and Co. v. Hey.

Mr. Want, K.C., and Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Messrs. Perkins and Fosbery, appeared for the plaintiffs, and Dr. Sly and Mr. Bruce Smith, instructed by Messrs. Sly and Russell, for the defendant. This was an action brought by the plaintiffs against R. J. Hey, master of the steamship Gulf of Bothnia, as the representative of the owners of the vessel, to recover compensation for loss sustained by the plaintiffs owing to the non-delivery of a consignment of tinplates to them in good order and condition. It appeared from the statement of the plaintiffs' case that the goods were shipped on board the Gulf of Bothnia at Bristol for Sydney, consigned to them, and that when they arrived here they were found to be injured and depreciated in value by salt water and rust, and were otherwise in a damaged and valueless condition. In consequence of this plaintiffs lost to a great extent the value of the goods, and had to sell them at a smaller price than would have been realised otherwise. Plaintiffs charged that the damage was caused by the unseaworthiness of the vessel, and they relied mainly upon the state of the ship as the cause of damage, though there were other counts in the plaintiffs' declaration in which they complained that the defendant failed to deliver the tinplates in good order and condition as guaranteed in their bill of lading (certain perils of the sea and casualties excepted), and that due and proper skill and care were not observed in the stowage of the goods. As to the question of whether the vessel was unseaworthy or not, Mr. Want submitted evidence would be called to show that the Gulf of Bothnia arrived at Albany on April 25 last and left that port at 9 p.m. on the same date. Some time after the voyage had been resumed it was found that though the Gulf of Bothnia was a dry ship, on reaching Albany she had several feet of water in the hold, and the tinplates were submerged, and became damaged and deteriorated in value as already stated. Mr. Want on the main point at issue cited, among other authorities, that of Rathbone v. Mylor, Law Journal, K.B. (September, 1903, at page 704, in which it was held that seaworthiness included not only the fitness of a ship, as a ship, to meet the perils of the sea, but also its fitness to carry the cargo which the shipowners knew was to be carried in their vessel. He also contended that the seaworthiness of the Gulf of Bothnia up to the time of her arrival at Albany did not alter the question of liability if she was unseaworthy on leaving that port. The number of tinplates consigned of the plaintiffs was 2220, and the compensation claimed was £2150.

The defendant filed a number of pleas founded mainly upon the terms of the bill of lading, and also denied that the vessel was unseaworthy or that there was a want of due skill and care in stowing the goods.

At the close of the plaintiffs' case, Dr. Sly moved for a nonsuit, on the ground that the warranty as to seaworthiness applied only to the condition of the vessel when she left her original port of departure, and not to her condition on leaving any intermediate port.

After hearing argument,

His Honor said there was no evidence to show that the ship was unseaworthy at the time she left Bristol. The only evidence given of unseaworthiness was after she left Albany, and it was contended by Mr. Want that a fresh warranty of seaworthiness arose at every port at which the ship stopped. In other words, that if a vessel broke her voyage and stopped at different ports she had to make a fresh warranty from each port. He did not think that was the law here, as far as he could follow it. There was no doubt that the law as it existed formerly was that a warranty as to seaworthiness included that the ship and her equipment were fit to carry goods safely to the port or place to which the owners of the vessel agreed to carry them. That was the original warranty as to seaworthiness, and that related to the seaworthiness of the ship at the time of leaving the port at which the goods were shipped. But when steamers were introduced they were allowed to break their voyages in order to call at various ports for a fresh supply of coal. They could quite understand that a steamer leaving London for Sydney, if she were obliged to carry sufficient coal to carry her to her destination, would recoal to carry her the greater part of the space usually required in order to carry that coal, and from the necessities of the case a modification of the old rule was allowed to creep in, and as a steamship as far as propulsion was concerned could only carry enough coal to take her from one port to another she necessarily broke her voyage into different stages. That was how the exception to the old rule was allowed to creep in, and it was only in accordance with common sense that it should be so. There was no doubt that in some of the cases that had been cited there were expressions which, taken by themselves, might completely carry out Mr. Want's contention, but where the decision of the Court was to be dealt with they must always look at the facts of the case, and see what the facts the Court was dealing with. In the case of the Vortigern (L.R. Probate, 1899), which was referred to by Mr. Want, there were expressions which apparently did not limit it to one of coal; but in that case the only question the Court had to deal with was as to coal, and whether the vessel was properly equipped from the place where the voyage was broken to the next place where she had to call for coal. In the present Court found that she was not properly equipped, because she did not carry enough coal, and had to burn some of her cargo in order to keep up steam. He could only construe the law in accordance with the facts. In the case referred to Lord Justice A. L. Smith made the law, and made it clear what the exception was as to the old rule of seaworthiness. His Lordship said:—"It cannot be implied warranty which denied that the implied warranty which is prima facie attaches to a charter party such as the present is that the ship shall be seaworthy for the voyage at the time of sailing, by which is meant that the vessel shall then be in a fit state as to repairs, equipment, and crew in a fit state as to repairs, equipment, and crew and in all other respects sufficient to take her in ordinary circumstances to her port of destination, though there is no warranty that the ship shall continue seaworthy during the voyage. That coals are a part of the equipment I do not doubt, and if the voyage in this case had been an ordinary voyage, as to which there was no necessity as regards taking in coal for dividing it into stages, it cannot be denied that the steamship was unseaworthy when she started from Cebu on her voyage to Liverpool, for the simple reason that she had not then on board an equipment of coal sufficient to take her in ordinary circumstances to her port of destination. To obviate this difficulty—and a great difficulty it is in cases of long voyages of cargo-carrying steamships, for it is manifest that no cargo-carrying steamship can ever be seaworthy when she starts upon such a voyage as the present by reason of the impossibility of her having on board such an equipment of coal as will be sufficient to take her to the port of destination—it has become the practice by reason of the necessity of the case for cargo-carrying steamship owners to divide these long voyages into stages for the purpose of replenishing their ships with coal, and thus, as far as practicable, complying with the warranty of seaworthiness which attached when the ship commenced her voyage." Then his Lordship said further on:—"In my judgment, when a question of seaworthiness arises between either a steamship owner and his underwriter upon a voyage policy, or between a steamship owner and a cargo owner upon a contract of affreightment, and the underwriter or cargo owner establishes that the ship at the commencement of the voyage was not equipped with a sufficiency of coal for the whole of the contracted voyage, it lies upon the shipowner, in order to displace this defence, which is a good one, to prove that he had divided the voyage into stages for coaling purposes, by reason of the necessity of the case, and that at the commencement of each stage the ship had on board a sufficiency of coal for that stage—in other words, was seaworthy for that stage." Again and again in the course of his judgment his Lordship referred to the matter as one arising from the necessity of the case, and that it was really only the subdivisions of the long voyage of a steamer in order to enable her to take in enough coal to carry the ship to her destination. And Lord Justice Collins said the same thing. He was, however, now asked to say that the old principle was not merely to be modified by subdivisions of the stages for the purpose of taking in coal, but that the same thing applied to the hull of the ship, and that the ship must be warranted to be sound at every port she called at. It appeared to him that that was an extension of the principle of the cases before him that he was not warranted in making. He was of opinion that the principle contended for by Mr. Want had no application whatever to this case, which arose from the necessity of taking in coal at an intermediate stage of the voyage from Bristol to Sydney. For those reasons he granted a nonsuit.

Plaintiffs were accordingly nonsuited, but his Honor granted a stay of proceedings until the first four days of next Term, as the point was apparently an entirely new one, and had never been decided before, either in England or here.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and juries of four.)

A CUSTOMS DISPUTE.

Lassetter and Co. v Lockyer.

Mr. Loxton, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, appeared for the plaintiffs, F. Lassetter and Co., Ltd.; Mr. Scholes, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for Nicholas C. Lockyer, Collector of Customs, as nominal defendant for the Commonwealth Government. Plaintiffs claimed £7s 5d and £8 9s 11d, being duty deposited with the Collector of Customs for New South Wales by them under protest in respect of 35 sets of garden tools and three cases of Climax spraying pumps and parts. The plaintiffs claimed that the goods were duty free.

The jury came to the following decision:—As regards the "tools" verdict for defendants; as regards the spraying machines verdict for plaintiff, with damages £8 9s 11d.

ABRAMOVITCH v. BLOCK.

Mr. Edwards, instructed by Messrs. Beeby and Henderson, appeared for the plaintiff, Lewis Abramovitch, of Pine-street, Chippendale; Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for the defendant, Emil Block, a recent arrival from America. The plaintiff claimed £74 16s for defendant representing a balance for wages and commission on orders for certain icehouses. The defendant's business was the building of icehouses. A plea of never indebted was entered.

The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

MILLEN v. HADE.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., agents for Mr. F. B. Kenny, of Bathurst, asked for a stay of execution on behalf of the defendant in the above case. Mr. Edmunds, instructed by Messrs. Waldron, Dawson, and Glover, appeared to oppose. His Honor granted a stay of execution till the fourth day of next Term on the defendant paying into Court £65 within 14 days; if defendant fails to obtain a rule absolute the money to be paid to plaintiff's solicitor. In this case, which arose out of a deal in cattle, a verdict had on the previous day been given for plaintiff for £35 16s.

IN EQUITY.

(Before the Chief Judge, Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, and a jury of four.)

A JURY CASE.

This was a case in which Neil Stewart, the surviving trustee of the will of the late A. Murray, applied to bring certain lands, situated at North Bondi, under the Real Property Act. A caveat was entered by Bonnus Clarke, who claimed to have been in possession of the land through his father.

Mr. Adrian Knox, instructed by Messrs. Rolin and Gilder, appeared on behalf of the applicant, and Mr. Milner-Stephen and Mr. Nicholas, instructed by Messrs. Dobbin and Uther, for the caveator.

The case stands part heard.

IN PROBATE.

(Before the Probate Judge, Mr. Walker.)

A DISPUTED WILL.

In this case Mr. James and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Mr. J. A. Richardson, appeared for the plaintiffs, George Smith and John Lloyd, executors of the will of the late Mrs. Ann Taylor, of Druitt-street, Sydney, and Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers, for the defendants, Samuel Pinkstone and Anna Maria Davis (wife of Percy Albert Davis).

Plaintiffs, who asked that probate of the will should be granted them, claimed that on March 21, 1899, the late Mrs. Taylor executed her will, and was then of sound mind, memory, and understanding. Mrs. Taylor died on August 13 last, and on August 26 they gave notice of their intention to ask for probate. The defendants entered a caveat. Plaintiffs now asked that probate should be granted, and that the costs of the suit should be paid the defendants.

Defendants claimed that the will had not been duly executed according to law, and that when the alleged will was made the testatrix was not of sound mind, memory, and understanding, and did not know and approve of its contents.

The case stands part heard.

DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Simpson.)

CUNNINGHAM v. CUNNINGHAM.

The hearing was concluded of the case in which Blanche Lucy Cunningham, formerly Parker, sued for divorce from Harry James Cunningham, a builder and contractor, on the ground of adultery. There was also an issue of illtreatment, but it was not pressed. Mr. P. White, instructed by Messrs. Crick and Carroll, appeared for the petitioner; and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. H. C. E. Rich, for the respondent, who denied the charge. His Honor found the issue of adultery in favour of petitioner, and granted a decree nisi, returnable in three months.

WEBB v. CHEESBROUGH. SUIT FOR NULLITY DISMISSED.

Mr. Whitfeld, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, appeared for petitioner, George Henry Webb; Mr. Pike, instructed by Messrs. Crick and Carroll, appeared for respondent, Maggie Maude Cheesbrough ("falsely called Webb"). The suit was one for nullity of marriage, the petitioner alleging that he was not a consenting party to the ceremony, but was induced to be a party under duress and by reason of force, fraud, and fear. The respondent denied the allegations.

Mr. Whitfeld—on the case being mentioned—said that the petitioner had been unable to find the security ordered, and he had given notice of the fact to the other side.

Mr. Pike read an affidavit setting out that in consequence of correspondence the necessary jury fees had not been paid on behalf of the respondent.

His Honor said that the order granting the jury had lapsed, but he would make it again if necessary.

Mr. Whitfeld said they could find security if the matter could come on at the present sittings.

His Honor said he would, if it were desired, postpone the case till next sittings.

Mr. Whitfeld asked that the suit be withdrawn or dismissed on the payment of costs.

His Honor eventually made an order by consent for the dismissal of the petition, the petitioner to pay respondent's costs of the suit.

IVERS v. IVERS.

Ann Minnie Ivers, formerly Boyd, sued for divorce from Fritz Ludwig Peter Ivers, a German musician, on the grounds of drunkenness and cruelty. Mr. Parker, instructed by Mr. D. Burns, appeared for petitioner; and Mr. Noble, instructed by Messrs. Beckett and Horrocks, agents for Mr. J. Wilkinson, of Albury, for the respondent, who denied the charges. The parties were married in April, 1900, at Cowra. Petitioner said her husband had hit her and kicked her and had beaten her with a riding whip. He treated her badly during a trip they made to Germany. The case was part heard when the Court rose.

MARRIAGES DISSOLVED.

His Honor made absolute the following decrees nisi, and declared the marriages dissolved:—Elizabeth Lesley Morcombe v. William Henry Morcombe, Louisa Hellen Elizabeth Cooper v. Frank Percy Cooper, Alice Evelyn Torr v. Benjamin Stirling Torr, Solomon Cohen v. Mabel Lilian Cohen, Florence Ann Thompson v Osmund Thompson, William George Gregory v. Mary Matilda Gregory, Isabella Packer Ford v. William Egerton Ford, William George Summerbell v. Myra Ida Summerbell, Ada Jollus v. Thomas William Jollus, Harriett Newlyn v. Charles Edward Newlyn.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, president, and Messrs. W. D. Cruickshank and Samuel Smith, members.)

DISCHARGING EMPLOYEES. SUMMONS AGAINST HORDERNS DISMISSED.

Samuel Horderns, trading as Anthony Horderns and Sons, Haymarket, was proceeded against by the United Furniture Trade Society for an alleged breach of section 35 of the Arbitration Act for having dismissed from his employment Arthur Gillman and Alexander Knight because, it was alleged, they were prominent members of the union. Mr. E. W. Cutler (secretary) appeared for the claimant union, and Mr. Tom Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read, for the respondent.

Mr. Cutler stated that the two men were frenchpolishers. Gillman having been employed by the firm for over 16 years, and Knight for seven years. There was a dispute pending in the court between the claimant union and respondent, in which the former sought increased wages, an alteration from piecework to dayworks, preference to unionists, and other improved conditions. The two men were dismissed on June 15 last, the manager of the factory telling them that they would have a better chance of getting work than the younger hands.

The defence was that the men were not dismissed because they were unionists, but on account of slackness of work.

The President said that the case was somewhat similar to the one heard on the previous day. He was of the opinion that the summons should be dismissed.

Mr. Cruickshank concurred. He failed to see that Mr. Cutler had proved his case.

Mr. Smith disagreed with his colleagues. He thought it was one of those cases where it was practically impossible for the workmen to prove that they had been discharged because they were unionists.

The summons was dismissed.

DISPUTE IN THE PAINTING TRADE. CLAIMS OF THE WORKMEN. THE MASTERS' OBJECTIONS.

The hearing was commenced of the industrial dispute between the Sydney Trade Union of Painters (employees), claimant, and the Master Painters and Decorators' Association of New South Wales (employers), respondent. Mr. T. Rose, instructed by Messrs. Sullivan Brothers, appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Hammond, instructed by Messrs. Beeby and Henderson, for the respondent union.

The principal issues for trial submitted by the claimant union were:—1. Ordinary hours of work shall not be more than 44 per week. 2. The recognised hours of work shall be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on five days of the week, and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. One hour to be allowed each day (Saturday excepted) for dinner. 3. (a) The minimum rate for journeymen in all branches shall be 1s 3d per hour, except in special cases where application has been made to the union and approved by same. (b) Men to be payable at leaving-off time. 4. The rate of overtime shall be double. 5. (b) Members working at an inconvenient distance from Sydney, where they are obliged to sleep, shall receive 3d per hour in addition to Sydney rates. 6. Preference shall be given to unionists. 7. Common rule to be applied in the county of Cumberland. 8. All boys working in any branch of the trade shall be legally indentured as apprentices for five years, three months' probation being allowed prior to being indentured. 9. (a) The proportion of apprentices to journeymen employed by any employer shall not exceed one to every four journeymen or fraction of four. (b) No shop shall be allowed more than four apprentices. 10. Wages for apprentices shall be:—First year, 6s 6d per week; second, 10s; third, 15s; fourth, 20s; and fifth year, 30s per week.

The Master Painters and Decorators' Association in its answers admitted issues Nos. 1, 2, 5a, 7, 8, 9a, 10, 11, and 12. Regarding the minimum wage (3a), the respondent union claimed that it should be 1s 1½d per hour for competent workmen, employers to have the option of employing second-grade workmen at not less than 10½d per hour. In regard to 3b, it claimed that men should be paid at the shop or on the job at employers' discretion if paid at the shop, they are not to be detained more than one hour after leaving-off time. If so, overtime to be charged. Respecting overtime (4a),time and a quarter from usual leaving-off time to 10 p.m. From 10 p.m. to starting time next day, time and a half. Sundays, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, double time. All other holidays, when men work of their own accord, time and a quarter; when requested by the employer, time and a half. Regarding 5b, respondent union considered 2d per hour sufficient. In regard to "preference to unionists" (6), respondent union filed a counter claim that no exception would be taken to unionists, but men not at present in the union should be under no compulsion to join. Issue 9b was disputed, it being claimed that there should be no such restriction. Apprentices' wages, it was contended, should be by arrangement.

The Master Builders' Association of New South Wales it was intimated had desired to enter an appearance as a respondent union, but there was no appearance for the association. It was stated that this association considered that the hours should be 48 per week, and the working hours between 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.

Counsel for the claimant union delivered an exhaustive opening address, in which after narrating the history of the trade he contended that in Sydney it was in a bad state, and that considering the precariousness and risky nature of the employment, the great care which had to be exercised, the dangers of lead poisoning, the large amount of broken time there was in consequence of the exigencies of the weather, and the other troubles to which the painters were afflicted with, together with the increased cost of living, they were reasonably entitled to better wages and improved conditions.

William Rose, secretary of the claimant union, was the first witness called. It was hard to say what the average earnings of painters were. There were members of the union who did not earn 25s per week. He thought that from 35s to 40s would cover the average weekly earnings of union men. The main cause of the non-employment of members of the union he attributed to the great amount of cheap labour offering. He was opposed to the two grades of labour suggested by the respondent union, as he was convinced that it would in time mean the dragging down of the first-class men to the lower level.

To Mr. Hammond: He could not say how many painters there were in the county of Cumberland. There were 356 members in the union, of which 87 were unfinancial.

Are you aware that the Government Statistician estimates that there are some 1400 in the country?—Witness would not pay any heed to that calculation, as it included a large number of unskilled men, who called themselves painters, employed in painting ships' bottoms, etc. These men were very indifferent workmen.

Would not these indifferent men be entitled to the minimum wage?—It depended if the masters would employ them. There were many so-called painters who could not be classed as competent. He would not admit that the union contained a number of incompetent men.

It does not require much skill to scrape the paint off railings or whitewash a cellar?—Witness (indignant): Painters are not cleaning railings or whitewashing all the time. A cellar might not be whitewashed once a year.

The President (to Mr. Hammond): You cannot judge of the work by these details. You must take the nature of the work as a whole. You might as well say that it did not require skill on the part of a tailor to cut off a piece of cloth or sew on a button. The tailor is not engaged in the work all the time. (Laughter.)

The hearing was adjourned until the next day.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

SINGLE MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

Re George Herbert Gibson Manning. The bankrupt was examined, and the matter was adjourned to the 15th inst.

Re Francis Leukert. The bankrupt was examined, and the matter was adjourned to the 11th inst.

(Before the Judge in Bankruptcy, Mr. Justice Walker.)

APPLICATION FOR A JURY

His Honor delivered his reserved judgment in connection with the application, on behalf of Mark Owen, for a jury to try the issues of fact in regard to a motion under section 134, which was to be brought forward at the instance of Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee, in the bankrupt estate of Myer Allen.

His Honor said that the application must be refused, but that as it was the first time such a question had come before him he would make the costs of the application costs of the motion under section 134.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

RESULT OF STONE-THROWING.

Robert Jones, a boy 9 years of age, pleaded guilty to a charge of having on November 7 last, at Redfern, maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon another lad named James Dedman. The accused's father brought him to the Court. It was stated that the lad had thoughtlessly thrown a piece of blue metal, and seriously injured the eye of the other lad thereby. His Honor said that he would not think of sending the delinquent to gaol. He would read the depositions and deal with the case next day. In the meantime he would not ask for recognisances for the protection of the lad, but he impressed upon the father the necessity for bringing his son to court next morning.

ACQUITTAL.

George Izzard, an old man, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on March 3 last at Ourimbah, before Charles James Duffy, J.P., who was then authorised to take a declaration within the meaning of the Old Age Pensions Act of 1900, made a false statement that he was a widower, well knowing that statement to be false. Mr. H. W. Forster appeared for the defence. The Crown case broke down. After hearing evidence given by Mr. Duffy the Crown Prosecutor said he could not ask the jury to convict. His Honor directed the jury to acquit the accused. A verdict of not guilty was returned, and the accused discharged.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY.

Henry Kitching, Charles Wake, and George Blackmore Philip pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on February 1, 1901, at Sydney, conspired amongst themselves to cheat and defraud his Majesty the King of divers large sums of money. Mr. R. C. Teece, instructed by Mr. G. J. Barry, appeared for the accused. On the application of the Crown Prosecutor the case was postponed to the next Court of Quarter Sessions or such other Court as the Attorney-General might appoint. Bail was allowed, each accused in £40, with one surety for each in a like amount. The recognisances were entered into in open court, and the accused were then released.

HOUSEBREAKING.

John Leonard, a young man, pleaded guilty to having, on November 24, at Marrickville, broken and entered the dwelling-house of George Ernest Millais with intent to steal. The prisoner's gaol record showed that he had been convicted several times for dishonest practices, and that he had served three separate terms of penal servitude for three of them. He was remanded for sentence.

STEALING.

Herbert Thorpe, 21, pleaded guilty to having, on November 28, at Woollahra, stolen a bag and £28, the property of Robert Grant. He was remanded for sentence.

STEALING A SULKY.

Joseph Banner, who had been convicted for having stolen a sulky, was sentenced to imprisonment with hard labour for six months.

NO JURY AVAILABLE.

Hugh M'Hugh pleaded not guilty to having, on September 22, assaulted Michael Baggott, at Sydney, and robbed him of a watch and chain. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the defence. Twelve jurymen were empanelled, but the accused challenged the first man, and as there were no more jurymen left uncalled Mr. Abigail asked that the case might be postponed to next court. The application was granted, and the accused released on bail.

BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Henry O'Reilly, a young man who had been tried on December 1, on which occasion the jury had disagreed, was re-arraigned on a charge of having on November 6, at Redfern, broken and entered the dwelling house of Joseph Lemon and stolen several valuable articles therefrom. He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. Inglis. Accused swore that his name was Henry O'Keefe, and not O'Reilly. The jury convicted the accused and he was remanded for sentence. The jury added their congratulations to Constable William Taylor for the way in which he had done his duty in arresting the prisoner, and for the manner in which he had given his evidence.

ALLEGED BREAKING AND ENTERING.

Patrick Anderson and James Wells pleaded not guilty to having, on October 22, at Sydney, broken and entered the shop of David Gyte, and stolen eight pairs of opera glasses and a half-plate lens. Mr. Inglis appeared for the defence. The jury, after five hours' consideration, returned into court and asked that certain evidence be read over to them. At 6.30 p.m. they were locked up for the night, it being announced that an agreement was unlikely.

The Court adjourned to the next day.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Wednesday, December 9.

Causes List.—Sm. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Gorman v. Australian S.N. Company v Lane.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—Brown v Hobson, Dyring v Curran, Dyring v Stratton and another.

Probate Court.—Before the Chief Clerk: Chamber List.—9.30 a.m.: Green v Newman, Morgan v Bismrock; in re gent. one, &c, separate Motion, for taxation; Mackenzie v Freeman, Freeman claimant (sheriff's interpleader).

In Divorce.—Before the Judge in Divorce.—At 10 a.m.: Ivers v Ivers, part heard; and hearing of causes.

In Equity.—Before the Master in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Company matters, Inner matters. At 11 a.m.: Robinson v. Robinson, to settle draft report. At 11.15 a.m.: Owens v. Owens to proceed on accounts.

Before the Chief Clerk in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Morley v. Severne, to tax costs. At 12.30 p.m.: Wyer v Bunn, to tax costs of order. At 2 p.m.: Turner v Noyes, to tax costs.

Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: In re Neil Stewart and another, Bonus Clarke, caveator, caveat under R.P. Act (jury case); part heard.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Probate Judge: At 10.30 a.m.: Smith v Pinkstone (part heard).—Before the Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.: Lachlan Cameron, deceased, for report &c. Before the Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: David N. Smith, 10; Henry Cann 10.15; Thomas Smart, 10.30; Allan Johnson, 10.45; William Macaish, 11; John T. Campbell, 12; Thomas Smith, 12.15; James S. Mitchell, 12.30; Donald M'Intyre, 2.15.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy.—At 11 a.m.: Certificate applications, Michael Roach; application for payment out of Treasury of unclaimed dividend George Henry Pooley. Single meetings: John Gordon Byrnes, Charles Arthur Smith, John Alexander Dobbie, James Howe, Joseph Weisberger; applications for extensions of time for filing accounts and plans, confirmation of accounts and plans.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.—Wednesday, December 9. No. 4 Court, Supreme Court-house, King-street, Sydney, before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.: For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Sydney Trade Union of Painters Industrial Union of Employers, claimant, and the Master Painters and Decorators' Association of New South Wales, Industrial Union of Employers, respondent (part heard).

CUSTOMS COURT.

Before the Acting-Collector.—At 10 a.m.—Rutty's, Limited, re capsules entered as cigarettes; F. H. Allison, re sponge bags entered as sponges; Joseph Pickles and son, re striped delaine containing wool entered as cotton.

DISTRICT COURT.—Wednesday, December 9.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 10 a.m.: M'Sweeney v O'Connell and another, Howard v Boyd, Myers and another v Reid, Booker v Rigg, Board of Water Supply and Sewerage v Poppens.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.—Wednesday, December 9.

John Hennessey, George Hennessey, maliciously wounding. The following appeals against magistrate's convictions and orders will be heard at half-past 11 o'clock:—James Holland, stealing; Mary Bynon, stealing; John Power, stealing; Leslie Edwards, assault; James Grigg Cummings, maintenance; John Joseph Byrne, maintenance.

POLICE COURTS.

THEFT.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. N. Taylor, S.M., Pierce Casey, 35, pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing seven £1 notes, the property of Farrell Claffey, on December 5. She was sentenced to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

Henry Williams, 50, labourer, pleaded guilty to stealing about 1 sheet lead, the property of Wilson Glen, on December 7. A fine of 6s, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour, was imposed. Accused was further fined 40s, or 21 days' imprisonment, with hard labour (sentence to be cumulative with the previous one), for stealing a punch, valued at 2s, the property of George Papworth, on December 2.

FRAUDULENT APPROPRIATION.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, Henry Bennett, 21, chair-caner, pleaded guilty to fraudulently appropriating to his own use an Austrian rocking-chair, valued at £2, the property of Charles Rahmatie, on November 21. Accused was fined £5, or in default one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

ROBBING A DOCTOR.

At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. G. H. Smithers, S.M., Martin Brown, 24, machinist, was charged with stealing a silver-plated inkstand, value £3, the property of Dr. Caleb Terrey, of Edgecliff House, Ocean-street, Woollahra. Accused was sentenced to one month's imprisonment. Upon two other charges he was remanded to the Water Police Court.

INQUEST.

FALL THROUGH A VERANDAH.

An inquest was held yesterday by the Acting-City Coroner on the body of James Wellington, a resident of Petersham, who, while working on the verandah of Mr. E. C. Hagon's shop, in King-street, on Monday, fell through the glass out to the pavement and received a fracture of the skull. He was taken to the Sydney Hospital and died in the institution shortly after admission. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

TEMPERANCE DEMONSTRATION.

WELCOME TO MR. A. BRUNTNELL.

There was a large gathering at the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Monday night, when a welcome was tendered by various temperance organisations to Mr. A. Bruntnell, the newly-appointed temperance lecturer of the New South Wales Alliance. Canon Boyce presided.

Mr. J. P. Treadgold, on behalf of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, Mr. W. Dalton on behalf of the Rechabites, Mrs. Nolan for the Women's Christian Temperance Union, Mr. A. Gow for the I.O.G.T., Mr. G. E. Ardill for the Sydney Rescue Society, and the Rev. F. Colwell on behalf of the churches extended a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bruntnell.

Mr. A. Bruntnell returned thanks, and explained that he felt it but right to say that his severance from the Salvation Army after 18 years' service for it in different parts of the world, was untinged by any feelings of bitterness. He urged all temperance workers to lend their aid at the ballot box to root out the liquor traffic.

Mr. T. E. Taylor, M.H.R., of Christchurch, New Zealand, said it was to the women they must look for reform in the liquor traffic. The women's vote would never falter, after the first nervous plunge, in going straight for moral reforms in politics. In New Zealand they had got the liquor traffic down and they were going to keep it down. The New Zealand press had feared that the swing of the pendulum of the women's vote would come back and knock the temperance reformers over, but the opposite had been the case. The pendulum of women's vote in suppression of the liquor traffic was swinging out stronger that ever. He had only been a few days in Sydney, but he must confess that he had seen more poverty and vice in the city than he had ever noted in many of the largest towns in England. If was an aggressive vice too. The Sunday trade in was an aggressive vice too. The Sunday trade in liquor in Sydney was enormous, and it was a great shame that this traffic, or as it was called, "the trade," was practically the only one that openly defied the law.

STATUE OF BURNS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Mr. H. G. L. Anderson, our worthy librarian, who has taken much interest in the status of the poet Burns to be erected in Sydney by public subscription, says, in a report, that he would be very pleased to show anyone interested the selected model of the statue. I with many others went and saw that statuette, and, speaking for myself, I was sadly disappointed, for I consider it a very stiff and bare like or no resemblance to the poet, and has none of that individuality as displayed in all his writings: also the model is lacking of any poetical sentiment. Now, sir, while walking down George-street, between the Post Office and Hunter-street, my attention was drawn to another model of Burns. I cannot say who the sculptor is, but to me the model appeared to have all the virtues of pose and likeness that I expected to see in the one which has been selected. It is a first-class likeness, perfectly natural from any point of view and full of poetic sentiment, graceful and easy, and in fact, though not an artist myself, completes my ideal of the Scottish poet Burns. I recommend all those interested to go and judge for themselves. I am, &c,

Dec. 7. AN ENGLISHMAN.

THE DRINK—PAR EXCELLENCE.
Fry's Cocoa. Be sure you get it.—Advt.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Department of Mines and Agriculture, Stock and Brands, Sydney, 8th December, 1903.

NOTICE.

A PROCLAMATION having been published in the Government Gazette of the 2nd JUNE, 1903, notifying the disease in pigs known as "Swine Fever," "Hog Cholera," or "Contagious Pneumo-Enteritis," to be a disease under the "Stock Disease (Tick) Act, 1901," I hereby declare, under section 6 of the above Act, the whole of the land comprised in each of the premises occupied by the following persons, situated as under in the county of Cumberland, in this State, to be a separate Quarantine Area for the purposes of the aforenamed Act; and I also place all Swine that are within each of the aforesaid quarantine areas in quarantine for a period of three months from the date of this notice:—

PREMISES QUARANTINED.

J. Spohn's, Cook's River; W. Johnstone's, Wolli Creek; O. Sleeman's, Roseville; C. Bush's, Enfield; H. Webb's, Enfield; E. Eaton's, Enfield; W. H. Blake's, Pymble.

JOHN KIDD,
Minister for Mines and Agriculture.

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Sydney Harbour Trust, Sydney, 8th December.

TENDERS FOR ADVERTISING RIGHTS.

TENDERS will be received at this Office up to 2.30 p.m. on the 14th instant for a LEASE for Advertising Purposes of the Vacant Land between Nos. 57 and 63 Sussex street; period of lease twelve (12) months.

(7a-22) HAROLD F. NORRIE, Secretary.

Public Service Board, 50 Young-street, Sydney, 8th December, 1903.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD invite applications for the undermentioned positions in the Public Service. Application must be made on a form for the purpose, obtainable from this Office, or from Clerks of Petty Sessions in Country Districts, and must reach the undersigned not later than the dates specified. Suitable applicants already permanently employed in the Public Service of the State will receive first consideration. Further particulars are published in the Government Gazette, and can also be obtained on application to this office.

MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1903.

ATTENDANT (Male) in the Government Asylums for the Insane (General Division). Salary, £90 per annum. Candidates must not be more than 40 years of age.

FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER, 1903.

SEVERAL STRONG YOUTHS required temporarily as Assistants in the Machine-room of the Government Printing Office. The pay is at the rate of £1 per week. Applicants must be not more than 20 years of age, and must have a knowledge of printing.

MONDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1903.

SHORTHAND and TYPIST (Male) (Clerical Division). Salary £150 per annum. Applicants must be not more than 30 years of age. Candidates will be required to submit themselves for examination in some of the following subjects, on a date which will be notified hereafter, viz.:—(1) Dictation; (2) English composition and correspondence; (3) commercial arithmetic and precis; (4) statistical summaries; (5) precis writing; (6) typing; (7) shorthand. In the event of any candidate who is already permanently employed in the Public Service being reported by the examiners to be qualified, he will be entitled to receive prior consideration over persons not in the Public Service, although such candidates may obtain a greater number of marks as the result of the competition. Candidates, excepting persons already permanently employed in the Public Service, will be required to pay an examination fee of 10s., which must be lodged with a Clerk of Petty Sessions or the Treasury, and the receipt therefor forwarded to the Secretary to the Board with the form of application.

By order of the Board,

(9a-61) J. W. HOLLIMAN, Secretary.

Commonwealth of Australia, Postmaster-General's Department, 1st December, 1903.

TENDERS will be received at the offices of the Deputy Postmaster-General, Brisbane, up to noon on MONDAY, the 5th day of January, 1904, for the Supply of Telegraph and

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

ARGENTINA AND AUSTRALIA.

It seems to be generally admitted that Australia has much to fear from the competition of the Argentine in exportable products. Possibly much more is made of the danger than is warranted, seeing that the warnings have mainly come from the class of Australian who is always ready to extol another land should the prevailing conditions in his own country be out of joint with his interests and convictions. For instance, we are told that Australia has to a large extent lost the South African meat and butter trade, that Argentina is feeding the demand, and is likely to continue to hold the position. As a matter of fact, Australia was not squeezed out of the trade. Trade when you haven't got supplies is impossible; the drought cut off the supplies, and the business ceased for a time. Similarly when the foot and mouth disease in Argentina caused the British authorities to prohibit the importation of live stock from that country, the cattle export trade of Argentina ceased. Natural conditions have the greatest influence in deciding whether a country may successfully compete with another in foreign markets for perishable produce. Doubtless the Argentine has many advantages which Australia does not enjoy. There is an immense territory, with a rainfall of some 30in to 35in; the soil is deep, and lucerne flourishes exceedingly; water is found at very reasonable depth, and the estancieros are dotted over with windmills, which raise supplies by pumping, and altogether as a grazing country the Argentine must be credited with being for its area the greatest in the world. At the same time, if all that has been published concerning their possibilities were true, Australia would long since have had a very sorry time in competition with the South American republics. Not many years ago persistent reports to the effect that River Plate wool was about to swamp the Australian product in the markets of the world created almost a panic in these States. The area supposed to be equal to producing better wool than ours was most alarming, and country people talked seriously of the near future, when it would not pay to keep sheep in Australia. Yet Australian wool still leads, though the River Plate flocks have not diminished. It seems probable that the wonderful healthiness of the Australian pastures will always prove the greatest aid the country will have in fighting the competition of other countries. In all probability the very droughts which cause us to occasionally drop out of the contest have a great influence on the fortunes of the pastures, for they certainly exercise a sweetening and recuperative influence. An occasional letter from an Australian settled in Argentina conveys a hint that there are some flies in the ointment whose buzzing is not heard by the enthusiasts who exalt that country on short acquaintance. Thus a recent communication stated that the writer had discovered that cattle fatten very slowly. In the winter, owing to the wet and the flatness of the country, there is heavy mortality amongst stock; in fact, considerable losses have to be reckoned with every season. Two months ago sheep for export were selling at 25s, and cattle for export were £10 to £12 per head. Butter seems to be produced very cheaply, factory butter being 79s per cwt in Buenos Ayres in the export season. This butter, however, is not yet good enough to compete with the Australasian first-grade article. Quality is certainly Australia's trump card. If the export trade of these States be honestly conducted, and due regard be paid to quality in everything despatched, our products will find consumers at payable prices wherever Argentina can get a hold. The greatest danger our producers have to face lies in the practices of such unscrupulous traders as would cast down the reputation of a line of produce for years for the sake of making an immediate profit.

DEPUTATION FROM WINEGROWERS.

GRANTING OF STOREKEEPERS' LICENSES.

A representative deputation from the Winegrowers' Association of New South Wales waited upon the Hon. J. Kidd (Minister for Mines and Agriculture) yesterday to bring under his notice certain disabilities which the Colonial Wine Licensing Act imposes upon storekeepers and grocers.

Mr. J. J. Power, M.L.A., said the deputation had waited upon the Minister to see if they could induce him to have the Act amended, in so far as it affected storekeepers and grocers applying for licenses. At present it was a matter of difficulty for one of them to get a license, owing to the objections of the police, who were largely influenced by the opposition of the temperance party. He deprecated the refusal of licenses on the ground that there was no need for them, and thought they should be granted in all cases where it was shown that the applicant was a person of good character, and capable of conducting his business in a reputable manner.

Several other members of the deputation also spoke. It was pointed out that the shopkeepers concerned desired to have the wine licenses issued in such a way that they need only sell by the bottle, and not by the glass as well. They wished to make this point clear, so that it might not be thought that they intended to compete in the latter direction with hotel-keepers and others. The wine industry, it was stated, found employment, directly and indirectly, for over 6000 people in this State, but it was considerably hampered by the Act, so far as the granting of licenses was concerned.

Dr. Fiaschi also urged the Minister to bring about an amendment of the Act, and said he had always found wine drinkers to be more temperate than those who imbibed beer and spirits.

Mr. J. R. Smith stated he had received telegrams from wine-growing societies all over the country wishing the deputation success. He mentioned a case in the country where a well-known shopkeeper sent in a petition containing over 150 names, including those of nine justices of the peace and the member of Parliament for the district, yet the application was refused on the ground that there was no necessity for the license.

Mr. Kidd, in reply, expressed himself as being in sympathy with the objects of the deputation, which he considered to be just and fair. He would bring the matter under the notice of the Colonial Treasurer, to see what could be done towards complying with their requests.

AUSTRALIAN PRODUCE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Minister for Mines and Agriculture, Mr. Kidd, has received a communication from the Acting Agent-General with regard to tenders for supplies of certain articles required by the military authorities in South Africa. Enclosed in the communication are tender forms for the supply of forage and dry grass for bedding, and also for meat, bread, and groceries at Capetown, Maritzburg, and Pretoria. Copies of the tender forms have been handed to the secretary of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce, and they may also be seen at the office of the Cold Storage and Export Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

SWINE FEVER IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

PERTH, Tuesday.

Reports which have reached the Minister for Lands show that swine fever, which at one time threatened to decimate all the herds of pigs in this State, is rapidly being eradicated. The Minister is confident that in four or five weeks the remaining traces of the disease will have entirely disappeared.

HARVESTING IN QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Monday.

Harvesting operations in the Roma district are in full swing. Several fields are reported to have yields of 9 and 10 bags to the acre. Late crops have not been affected by the weather, and are showing more sightly samples.

THE CROPS.

CORAKI.—A strong southerly wind prevailed on Monday, with rain showers. Rain is needed, especially for the maize crops.

KOORAWATHA.—Stripping has commenced. It is thought the average will be between five and six bags.

MOLONG.—Splendid weather prevails for the harvesting. Bush fire leagues are being formed to prevent the spread of fires.

PICTON.—Beneficial rain, totalling 151 points, has fallen during the last two days. The crops have been mostly gathered. In a few cases caterpillars have done damage to the standing crops. Altogether the season is a splendid one.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

BEGA.—The output of the Bega Co-operative Creamery Company, Limited, for November was 153,172lb, or over 68 tons, of which 97,172lb were sold locally, and realised £3570 13s; while 25 tons were exported to London, on which the sum of £2056 16s 8d was advanced. Suppliers received net payments on Tuesday for the butter sold amounting to £3064 16s 10d, and were advanced on the butter exported £1765 3s 4d. The cost of manufacture, marketing, etc., was only 1d per lb. The supply continues heavy, and fresh plant has been added to cope with it. Forty shares in the company, sold by public auction on Monday, realised 25s per share.

BERRELLAN.—In November the Numba Estate Creamery, owned by Mr. Pritchard, treated 9000 gallons of milk. The Worrages Cheese Factory shipped in November 100 cheese, averaging 6¼d lb, and treated 6000 gallons of milk. The owner of the Worrages Cheese Factory at Berrellan has a Holstein cow giving 51lb of milk, in the two milkings of test averaging 3.3.

FORBES.—At an informal meeting of the Dairying Company, the manager reported that during six weeks, October-November, 2850 gallons of milk were received, producing 11,381b of commercial butter. The cream received was 5894 gallons, producing 31181b of butter. The total output of butter was 42561b.

GRAFTON.—Extensive sales of store cattle are still held. At one held at South Grafton during the week 31 buyers attended, and full rates were obtained. Heifers sold at £5 14s to £6, ewes and calves to £5 11s. At Clarenga yards to-day 2500 stores were offered, the bulk coming from the Richmond River. Bullocks were a shade easier, £7 per head being the highest offer, which was declined. There was a large proportion of steers, and the demand for this class of stock is as brisk as ever; 26 to 30 months old sold at £4 10s to £5. A yard of 200, aged 2½ to 3 years, realised £5 10s per head. A western buyer operated extensively, but local buyers were more in evidence at this sale than at previous yardings, and secured quite a number of pens.

GUNDAGAI.—At the police court on Monday 11 landowners were prosecuted by the Pastures Board for failing to destroy rabbits to the satisfaction of the board.

LISMORE.—A gentleman who has just returned from a tour through the Upper Richmond and Upper Clarence, on to New England, describes the country as a perfect picture. Kangaroo and other grass and such crops have not been seen for 20 years.

STOCK PASSINGS.

GUNDAGAI.—1840 lambs, Wagga to Willie Plews. A. B. Triggs; 1150 wethers, Bangus to Birmingtsen, E. C. Richardson; 800 ewes, Wangus to Pleasant; and J. W. M'Kinney; 2029 ewes and 30 rams, Killimicat to Buckingbaur, G. Huie; 2000 sheep, Ivenhoing to Bangus, W. Bostes; 700 cattle, Cooma to Kimo, J. Robinson; 44 cattle, Sangus to Birmington, J. and J. W. M'Kinney.

PENRITH.—200 heifers in good condition passed through to-day on their way to Goulburn and Singleton.

LIBERAL UNION CONGRESS.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

DANGEROUS PARTY CRIES.

With the prospective close of the Federal campaign, the Women's Liberal League of New South Wales propose going into recess. In the education of the members on questions economic and political, the officers have been busily employed during the past year. Mrs. Molyneux Parkes, president, and co-workers are rewarded to-day by the increased membership, and by a pronounced conviction of the league in the wisdom of the Liberal platform.

By invitation, representatives of city, suburban, and country branches of the league and other women's political associations met in congress at the Queen's Hall yesterday, under the presidency of Mrs. Molyneux Parkes. Quite a formidable business paper had been prepared. The subjects included preferential trade proposals, removal of restrictions on desirable immigrants, economical administration of public funds, reduction of members and true majority rule, liquor traffic reform. But in opening the congress the president said she was very much disappointed to find that the majority of the intended contributors had taken "stage fright." One wrote: "Having heard a prominent politician speak on the subject of my paper, I am rather dubious of the correctness of my opinions." Another: "Please find a substitute; my husband is ill." A speaker on the liquor traffic "had to attend a temperance lecture."

At a previous conference a 10-minutes' allowance to each speaker governed the debate, with the proviso that in the event of the paper being of special interest an extension of time be permitted. No speaker yesterday afternoon was called to "time." In fact, the president at one stage appealed to members to "break the ice." After a little hesitation, the appeal was liberally responded to.

In her opening address, Mrs. Parkes said while the meeting was virtually at "sixes and sevens," their object was good—to stimulate the freetrade cause. At the approaching election the responsibility of women voters was great, for the women of all the countries of the world were watching the effect of the franchise. The secret of the good effect of the vote was in the method of using it. The chief importance was to secure a solid vote by extensive organisation. As freetraders, they had to beware of the delusion of the shibboleth of fiscal peace. The soothing word "peace" applied only to the protectionist camp, in which "war" was unlikely so long as present duties were maintained or increased. An attractive label, "preferential claims," meant higher duties on foreign goods and existing duties on English articles. "Nationalists" was a fine and sentimental title which "the party of self-interest" was known by in other States. Another net to catch freetrade women voters was the plea that they should vote for those who gave them the vote. It inferred that the franchise was granted as a bribe to freetraders to turn protectionists. In other words, to vote for those whom they thought were injuring the country.

On the motion of Mrs. Parkes, seconded by Mrs. Edgley, it was resolved.—"That on account of the present curtailment of individual liberty, it would be unpatriotic and a menace to true Liberalism, for women to allow any consideration whatever to divert their votes from the Liberal and freetrade party at the forthcoming federal elections."

Considerable discussion took place relative to the provisions of the Alien Immigration Restriction Act, and it was unanimously decided:—"That restrictions on desirable immigration should be removed."

The evening meeting opened with a discussion on "Liquor Traffic Reform, Including Full Local Option," and brief speeches were made by Mrs. Wilson, Miss Hartshorne, Miss Aston, and Mrs. Molyneux Parkes.

Mrs. Blair spoke on "Equal Pay for Equal Work, and Equal Opportunity for all Citizens," and was followed by Mrs. Frewen-Thompson, who read a paper on the necessity of supporting as candidates for both Parliaments Liberal and patriotic men of high principle, pledged to the main planks of the Liberal platform. Mrs. Luffmann and Mrs. Molyneux Parkes also spoke, and the meeting then endorsed Mrs. Frewen-Thompson's remarks.

This afternoon a conversazione in connection with the congress will be held at Sargent's Rooms, Pitt-street, when Sir James Graham, Senator Pulsford, and others will address those present. The congress will be continued at the Queen's Hall in the evening.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ARBITRATION COURT.

ITS AWARD STILL FLOUTED.

SEVENTEEN HUNDRED MEN OUT.

PERTH, Monday.

The trouble in the timber trade in the south-west is still unsettled. Delegates from the men waited upon Messrs. Charles Temperly and Teesdale Smith, representing Millar's Karri and Jarrah combine, in Perth to-day, and a heated discussion took place. The delegates asked that the employers should make some arrangements with the men so as to prevent the award of the Arbitration Court being carried out in its entirety. They claimed that the Court in fixing the rates of wages as to the minimum to be paid in the timber trade never intended that those rates should be regarded as the maximum. They asked that the whole question should be submitted to an independent board of arbitrators well versed in the timber trade.

Messrs. Smith and Temperly refused to entertain the proposal for an independent board. The men had taken their case to the legally constituted Arbitration Court, and they should abide by that Court's decision. Mr. Temperly said that the mills under the control of the combine had not been paying for some time past, and it was absolutely impossible for the combine to pay the old rates of wages.

The conference adjourned to-morrow to allow of Messrs. Smith and Temperly considering how far, if at all, they could meet the men.

The opinion of persons acquainted with the feeling of the men on the timber mills belonging to the combine is that the trouble is likely to become very serious, as the men have expressed themselves determined to resist the employers' efforts to enforce the letter of the Arbitration Court's award. There are about 3500 men affected, and of these fully half have been idle for the last two or three days, with the result that several mills are hung up.

The average annual amount of ivory received in London from the African wilds is 411 tons. The average price is £1000 per ton.

DAY LABOUR INQUIRY.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS.

The report of the Public Service Board into the causes of the alleged excessive cost of structing the new pavilions at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, under the day labour system, has been issued. It covers over 3000 closely typewritten sheets. As a result of its exhaustive inquiries, the board append several important recommendations, the chief being that a local government bill be passed as quickly as possible, and that the Department of Public Works be placed under a commission, consisting of two executive members and one business consulting member. It is further advised that the commission alone shall have the power to determine whether a work shall be carried out by day labour or contract.

After recapitulating the circumstances which led to the appointment of the inquiry, the report shows that proceedings commenced on May 14 and continued till June 9. In consequence of a report which appeared in the daily press, the sittings were adjourned till June 24. They were continued at intervals from that date till October 23. Forty-eight sittings were held, and 47 witnesses examined. Accompanied by the different parties to the inquiry, the board visited the hospital pavilions, the Nurses' Home, and other buildings referred to.

THE POWER OF THE BOARD.

The board had all the powers of a Royal Commission. Section 10 of the Public Service Act provides that "the board, for the purpose of conducting any inquiry or investigation under this Act, shall have the same powers and authority to summon witnesses and receive evidence as are conferred upon commissioners by letters patent by the Royal Commissioners' Evidence Act, 1901, and all the provisions of the said Act shall apply to witnesses so summoned and evidence so received and given as completely and effectually as if such witnesses had been summoned and such evidence had been received or given by virtue or under the authority of the said Act."

The parties to the question at issue were fully represented. Mr. Vernon, the Government Architect, and Mr. A. S. Cook, first assistant architect, represented the Government Architect's Department. The Operative Stonemasons' Society was represented by Messrs. J. Grant, A. Thomson, and R. Dumbrell, and, at the outset of the proceedings, the Amalgamated Carpenters and Joiners' Society was represented by Mr. W. Edwards. The Operative Bricklayers' Society was represented by Mr. W. Saunders. The representatives of the two last-named societies, however, withdrew shortly after the inquiry commenced, when it was seen that the inquiry would be limited to the stonework.

In order that evidence bearing on all sides of the question should be elicited, Mr. Thomas Loveridge, the president of the Master Builders' Association, was invited to attend. He was present throughout the whole of the inquiry, and Messrs. Stuart and Pringle were also present, as representing, with Mr. Loveridge, the interests of the contractors.

SCOPE OF THE INQUIRY.

The scope of the inquiry was to ascertain what results had been attained by the system of day labour as carried out at the Prince Alfred Hospital. In the event of the results being unsatisfactory, whether they had been wholly or partly the result of defects in management or the system which had obtained.

SOME EVIDENCE.

Mr. Pringle, of the Master Builders' Association, gave evidence to show that day labour was an unsatisfactory system and not economical. Under the contract system a builder could be bound down to carry out any piece of work practically under any conditions proposed. He had probably to stake nearly all the money he possessed in the venture. In the event of the contract not being carried out somebody would be found to do it for him. In that way one man was held responsible for the erection of the building according to the plans and specifications. The work of the architect was simply to see that the contractor carried out the designs and put in the work. Under day labour one man was asked to do half a dozen men's work. The Government Architect had matters of administration, not of one building only, but of dozens. Under day labour he was asked to take the position of contractor. He was unable to do so, and therefore delegated his authority to someone else, probably the assistant architect, and as that officer had more than sufficient work on hand, the responsibility was delegated to someone else, and so on. On the other hand, the contractor, who is his own paymaster very often, administered all the different parts of the work, saw that the various trades came in in their rotation, ordered materials, kept an eye on labour and on everything else, for the forcible reason that all were matters of self-interest.

THE BOARD'S CONCLUSIONS.

Having carefully reviewed the voluminous evidence submitted, the board arrived at a number of important conclusions, the chief being:—

"That the cost of the stonework at the Prince Alfred Hospital new pavilions has been excessive. It has cost for Waverley stone 9s 8d per cubic foot, and for Purgatory stone 10s 11d per cubit foot. It should only have cost at the outside 6s 5½d and 7s 6d per cubit foot, respectively, or a loss on the whole work of about £3184.

"That the main cause of this excess has been interference with the responsible officers in the control of the workmen. It is possible that extra good work has been put into the job, which may account for part of the excess in cost. That the work is first class is admitted by all, but others differ as to whether it may be classed "extra good."

"That in some cases, provided no interference is permitted with the control of the work, day labour can successfully be adopted, especially where a large amount of unskilled labour is required, such as earth works, etc.

"That in works, such as buildings where a large amount of 'wrought' work is required, the contract system will generally be found the cheaper. This is chiefly due to the fact that Government officers cannot deal as promptly and effectively in the purchase of materials as private contractors."

SIX RECOMMENDATIONS.

In summarising the following recommendations the board ventures to believe that if they are given effect to, the evils which flow from the present system will be entirely removed, and that an untold saving to the State will be effected."

The recommendations are as follows:—

1. That a Local Government Bill be passed as quickly as possible.

2. That the Department of Public Works be placed under a commission, consisting of three members, viz., two Executive members, and one business consultative member.

3. That the duties of the said commission be confined to the carrying out of the works authorised by Parliament, and that they have no power to initiate any matter of policy, that being the function of the Minister alone, but that the commission shall have the right to submit to the Minister a report on any work or project that may have been proposed to be carried out, and that such report shall be laid before Parliament.

4. That the said commission alone shall have the power to determine whether a work shall be carried out by day labour or contract.

5. That relief works shall be entirely separated from ordinary works, and that a different method of dealing with them shall be adopted.

6. That the commission in all appointments shall have the protection afforded by the Public Service Act.

EXPLANATION BY THE PREMIER.

A statement has been published in a certain section of the press to the effect that the Public Service Board's report upon the day labour system, as employed at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital buildings, was furnished to the Premier before the prorogation of Parliament, but its publication had been suppressed. We have been requested by the Premier to explain that a draft copy of the report in question was forwarded to and received by the Under-Secretary (Mr. Gibson) on the afternoon of November 25. Sir John See had, however, left for the Legislative Assembly before its receipt, and although on the following morning (Thursday, the last day of the session) his attention was duly drawn to its presence in the department, he was debarred, by extreme pressure of business, from devoting any considerable attention to the perusal of its contents until the following Saturday morning. The last opportunity of placing the report upon the table of the House occurred on Thursday, November 26, the day upon which the Premier's attention was drawn to its arrival at the department.

THE NEWCASTLE PROHIBITED IMMIGRANT.

"JUSTICE WILL BE DONE."

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

At an election meeting to-night Senator Drake referred to the case of the man sentenced to six months at Newcastle for not being able to read Greek, and said the same man was concerned in a smuggling case, but whatever the merits of the case justice would be administered.

Some of the cod lines used in the British fishing industry measure 7000 fathoms long, or about eight ordinary miles, having 4680 hooks, the whole costing, in some cases, £200 to £300.

The biggest leaves in the world are those of the Inaj palm, which grows on the banks of the Amazon. They reach a length of 30ft to 50ft, and are from 10ft to 12ft in breadth.

STATE EDUCATION.

THE UNIVERSITY AND THE DEPARTMENT.

PROPOSED KINDERGARTEN SYSTEM.

THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS.

"The education report is a heavy blow," said a Sydney University man yesterday. "It shows us that in State education we are on the level of Portugal—fifth-raters, in fact." Whether or not the facts entitle New South Wales to be compared from an educational point of view with Portugal need not be discussed. That the report has pricked the vanity of New South Wales people is, however, true. A point that has arisen in discussions in scholastic circles is the advisability of establishing a close relationship between the University and the Education Department. Whatever may be the cause of it, it is a well-known fact that Western Australia snapped up a large number of New South Wales teachers as soon as they got their degrees at the Sydney University. Meanwhile, it is an unpleasant reflection that the children of the State have been guided along paths of education which lead anywhere but to the heights of intellectual enlightenment which should arise from any accredited system of State education. The next development will be for the report to receive—as it doubtless it will—earnest consideration by the Education Department, the University, the Chamber of Commerce, the masters of the Public schools, and those private citizens who fully realise the value of youthful training in the building-up of a nation. A mere fleeting attention to the report would be begging the question. Those who mean to delve into the problem properly must secure a copy of the document. The casual reading of the newspapers—which have not the space to fully reproduce a report as long as a three-volume novel—will give a sufficiently broad idea to those citizens who have not the time or the gift of mental concentration to devote to a thorough study of the issues. Broadly, everyone now knows that New South Wales, by comparison with other countries of the world, has an antiquated and ineffective system. The imp of the Public school does not realise the stir he is causing. He will probably murmur a schoolboy's blessing when he learns that Mr. Knibbs says:—"Away with the 'Elements of Euclid' as a text book"—visions of pons asinorum borne away by the tide—"away with the slates, they being unhygienic," and so on through the details which would impress the adolescent mind. He would also hail with delight phonograph piping out actual French conversations just as the crowded tourist hears them on the busy boulevards of frolicsome Paris. But the schoolboy idea is not the overwhelming and dominant idea, which is that the whole spirit of our system is wrong—from A to Z we have been blundering with the alphabet of education—from the infants' department to the fifth class in the higher school we have been aiming our arrows in the dark.

THE KINDERGARTEN.

It is advisable to more fully explain the intention of Mr. Knibbs in advocating that up to the age of six years the kindergarten method should follow Froebelian principles. Froebel opened his first kindergarten in 1837. His fundamental idea was that in the initial stages development depended upon "arousing and directing voluntary activity," rather than being dependent upon exercise. Pestalozzi, at whose feet Froebel had studied, favoured exercise. They both, however, agreed that the foundation laid in the first seven years had profound influence on the subsequent career. A definite "set" is then given to the mind and body which lasts for life for good or evil. Only the recognition of that fact can give teachers the necessary enthusiasm and inspiration. Kindergarten teachers both in Great Britain and on the Continent have to pass a very stiff course. The idea that almost anyone can teach little children is completely scouted. Kindergarten is treated very seriously indeed. The trend of thoughtful opinion is that when the education even of very young children—three to seven years of age—is not undertaken by the mother or guardian it is desirable that it should be in a suitable "play-school;" and it must be recognised that there are distinct moral advantages in such control of the child. Messrs. Knibbs and Turner add:—"While many Swiss educators hold that the education of little ones ought to be wisely confided to their natural educators—the mother and the family—it is recognised that a greater and greater number each year find themselves in the position of being quite unable to discharge their natural mission. The daily necessity of earning their bread, and various occupations, cause many to leave their children to themselves. Living in the street, these contract for life pernicious habits of idleness and vagabondage, and for such family education does not exist at all." Nor do the commissioners hesitate to apply the words quoted to Sydney and the larger towns of New South Wales. An aspect is given of the Froebelian idea, which in effect points out that the human being has an innate tendency to activity, and a desire for representing things; hence a child seeks materials (play-things) and attempts to draw. The efforts are an unconscious expression of the child's creativeness, and Froebel teaches through play by method. The inner nature of the child demands materials, but he needs teaching their use, productive activity thereby being encouraged instead of leaving the child to inactive observation. The idea is to objectify an idea and associate mental with physical activity. Mental dignity comes from the fact of the child realising that he is able to accomplish something. Froebel tried to conform his method to the normal working of the child-soul. It is an elaborate procedure, for ring a connected whole. While recommending that the Froebelian principles be followed, the Commissioners have deemed it wise to express the view that the form it should take in New South Wales should be a modification of the original Froebelian kindergarten. It is worth noting that the Froebelian views have been deeply engrafted on the American educational system. The kindergarten is not new. Plato has a reference to something very much like it, which obtained among the ancient Egyptians, and he noted that the system made children more "wide-awake." The result in Holland to-day has been precisely identical. In America it has been the same, and it has also been found that children from kindergartens make more imagination than their comrades, they understand more quickly, they have a better knowledge of nature, and a greater love for beautiful things. The Commissioners come to the conclusion that our so-called kindergarten system here is not kindergarten in the European and American sense. They consider the kindergarten of the highest importance. Children, they say, should be allowed to attend at any age above 3 years and up to 7 years; it should be compulsory at 6 years, but not before.

ENLIGHTENING OUR TEACHERS.

It is very clear from the report that the Commissioners were much impressed with the Swiss methods. Mr. Knibbs advises that young teachers be sent to Kusnacht (Switzerland), to Jena (Germany), and the Ecoles Normales (France), to study the methods of training. The Kusnacht Training College is one of the largest and best in picturesque country. In Europe practice is the art of teaching has been almost invariably part of the curriculum. Sometimes there is a special practising school; sometimes the practice is arranged for at ordinary schools. England has been satisfied with pupil teachers, that is, untrained persons, but has been shaken by the superior European methods. Paedagogic psychology and methodology have in the past been utterly ignored in New South Wales. Methodology includes the cultivation of the will, and so associating ideas as to reinforce the memory. A thorough grasp of mental sciences is essential. When we look at an assembly of teachers in New South Wales, and reflect upon the amour satisfaction in which we have drifted for years, it is somewhat disconcerting to have the assurance of Mr. Knibbs: "It is practically impossible in Germany for a secondary school teacher to equip himself before the age of 30 years." The German educational system, we are told, "is incomparably superior to ours." The secondary school teacher in Germany is on a higher plane than the English teacher of the same defined grade. A prominent English headmaster while again, after visiting the Continent, wrote:—"In the employment of children to teach children England enjoys a 'splendid isolation.'" New South Wales must be linked with England in that fictitious "splendour." It is imperative in Switzerland that teachers should be of robust health and of intellectual and moral aptitude. The result is that teachers are on a splendid plane, and the profession is deeply respected. The minimum age for entrance to a training school is 15 or 16 years, but the Swiss student of that age could "lose" the Australian of a similar age in scholarship owing to the excellent primary school system of study. Here is an important point: "It is universally recognised in Europe that a person whose education is limited to the primary school is not qualified to train primary school teachers.' The training professors and teachers are specialists, and each one takes only one or two subjects. There is a clear recognition of the distinction between general and purely professional education. Teachers are not allowed to think that after passing through the normal school their education is complete. They hold a provisional diploma and present themselves afresh before the examining body after two or three years' practical work. The cantons that have adopted the subsequent examination are in the van of Swiss education. Improvement or curses have been adopted to keep country teachers in touch with the general advance. Switzerland has an illustrious scholastic history. It is moreover, staggering to Australian pride to read the praises which Mr. Knibbs accords the training schools in Hungary. In Germany the secret of success is that at the side of state-craft stands paedagogy—the science of education—pointing out a certain way of unfolding the health, power, and activity of the young. Mr. Knibbs, in referring to German universities, makes an observation that in itself bears a ton of instruction: "The seed of a greater touch between the University and those who by teaching our children are to develop the tendencies of our people is obvious to every thoughtful mind." Mr. Knibbs does not say so, but there is an impression among certain scholarly men in Sydney; that the Education Department is averse to entering into a close bond with the University. "At the same time it is fair to add that Dr. Rein, a great authority, points out that if it be demanded that "every" primary teacher's education be completed in the University the strain is over-tense and unnecessary.

MR. KNIBBS'S CONCLUSIONS.

Teachers will be glad to learn that Mr. Knibbs aims at cultivating respect for the profession, and at raising their emoluments. It is rather significant that when looking forward to a higher order of things, and after pointing out how ladies of good status are entering into teaching abroad, he uses the expression "when the teacher's avocation is adequately respected." It is logical to conclude that he does not consider it adequately respected in New South Wales at present. In the countries where education is at the highest standard it is demanded that the primary school teacher shall, before teaching, have at least a secondary education. Teachers here start professionally on a primary education, and the extent of our blundering can be realised when we reflect that in the countries where a secondary education is the standard, the primary education is far superior to ours. Mr. Knibbs's conclusions are as follows:—"(1) Establishment of a seminarium with a three years' course, sufficiently near the University of Sydney to permit of attendance there, for special subjects; (2) entrance to the seminarium to take place not earlier than 16, and after passing either the senior examination or its equivalent; (3) the curriculum to be practically as outlined in sections 11 and 17 hereto; (4) all subjects to be taught by specialists." The section 11 referred to is summed up as follows:—(1) History of education, (2) theory of education, (3) psychology in relation to pedagogy, (4) ethics in relation to paedagogy, (5) elementary anatomy and physiology, (6) school hygiene, (7) physical culture and gymnastics. Section 17 is summed up by the following table:—1. English: (a) The development of the English language and literature, (b) grammar and analysis, (c) prosody, (d) outlines of logic and rhetoric. 2. Languages: (a) Latin or (b) French or (c) German. 3. History: (a) Ancient, (b) modern, (c) English. 4. Geography: (a) Topographical, (b) industrial, (c) commercial, (d) political, (e) physical, (f) mathematical. 5. Cosmography: (a) The solar system, (b) the stellar universe. 6. Mathematics: (a) Arithmetic, (b) algebra, (c) trigonometry, (d) planimetry, (e) stereometry including spherical trigonometry, (f) projective geometry, (g) historical development of mathematics. 7. Natural Science: (a) Botany, (b) zoology, (c) chemistry and mineralogy, (d) geology, (e) physics, (f) anthropology and hygiene. 8. Music: (a) Theory of music, (b) class-singing, &c., (c) instrumental music. 9. Drawing, &c.: (a) Freehand, (b) geometrical, (c) modelling, &c. 10. Writing, &c.: (a) Theory of position in writing, (b) plain and ornamental writing, (c) lettering.

MARITIME EMPLOYEES' DEMANDS.

THE MASTERS AND ENGINEERS' UNION.

Last month a conference was held between the Masters and Engineers' Association and representatives of the principal ferry owners, tugboat proprietors, and others interested to discuss a schedule of proposed working conditions. The proceedings of the conference were eventually narrowed down to the consideration of wages and working conditions upon the ferry services and tugboats and the negotiations were terminated without any satisfactory settlement being arrived at between the parties. After the conference the ferry owners expressed their willingness to enter into an agreement for a period of three years, covering an extension of existing conditions to be enacted by a common rule of the Arbitration Court. Failing the adoption of this offer it was suggested by the ferry owners that the association should proceed to the Court in conjunction with another branch of the employees who had already filed a case against them.

The first shift of the Masters and Engineers' Association was called together by the secretary during last week, and at the meeting the failure of the conference to secure improved conditions of labour was debated. The meeting decided to appeal to the Arbitration Court, and directed that the claims should be based on the first five proposals submitted to the conference. These comprise demands for a week of 48 hours with a minimum wage of £3, overtime at 1s 6d per hour, preference of employment to members of the association, and an sliding scale of wages to masters and engineers of vessels in excess of 70 tons not register and 40 nominal horse-power. These conditions it is proposed, shall apply to all masters and engineers employed on steamers carrying passengers or cargo, yachts, and oil launches.

A meeting of the second shift was held last night, when the matter was again debated by the members who were unable to be present at the previous meeting. After considerable discussion, the decision arrived at proceed to arbitration, was unanimously confirmed.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

COLLAPSE OF A SCAFFOLD.

Thomas H. Hawthorne, 46, residing at 79 Denison-street, Waverley, was yesterday morning working on a house in course of erection for Mr. Hall at Pennant Hills, and was in the act of fixing a cornice when the scaffolding collapsed. Hawthorne fell a distance of about 15ft, and received an injury to the spine. Two men from the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade proceeded by train to Pennant Hills, and after rendering first aid brought the injured man to Sydney, and he was admitted to the Sydney Hospital for treatment by Dr. Thomson.

DREADFUL BURNING ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Briggs, a widow, aged 28, died in the Bendigo Hospital of burns. The unfortunate woman had occasion to get out of bed and struck a match, when the head of the match flew off and ignited her nightdress. She was immediately enveloped in flames and was dreadfully injured.

FALL ON A REAPING MACHINE.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

William O'Keefe, a farm labourer at Terang, was dreadfully injured by falling on to the knives of a reaper and binder machine. Both legs were mangled in a shocking manner, and his right shinbone was broken. It was found necessary to amputate the right leg below the knee, and it is feared that the left leg will also have to be taken off.

DEATHS BY DROWNING.

INVERELL, Monday.

William Clifford Long, aged 10, was drowned in the river on Saturday evening. His boots were found on the bank, and the body fully dressed was recovered by the police on Sunday morning. It is supposed deceased gave a dog a swim and overbalancing fell into the water. At an inquiry to-day a finding of found drowned was recorded.

MELBOURNE, Sunday.

Four boys named Jackson, sons of a resident of Hamilton, were bathing yesterday in a dam near their parents' residence, when two of them, aged 7 and 10 years, got out of their depth. The younger one was rescued, but the elder sank out of sight, and when the body was recovered 20 minutes later life was extinct.

DEATH FROM A BROKEN NECK.

MEI BOURNE, Tuesday.

While pitching sheaves from a load of hay to a stack at Rutherglen to-day, a young man named Bourke overbalanced and fell to the ground. When picked up he said he was not hurt, but death resulted within an hour from a broken neck.

SUICIDE OF A YOUTH.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The finding of the body of a youth named Sydney M'Leod, 18, who committed suicide by taking strychnine, was reported to the Ballarat police yesterday. In one of the pockets of his clothing was found a letter, which read as follows:—"I have taken strychnine near the cattle yards. Break the news to my dear mother carefully; she has heart disease. I have been a wayward son, but I died praying for her and my two brothers. Tell her it was for her sake I have committed this rash act."

TWO MINERS KILLED.

KALGOORLIE, Monday.

Another shocking mining fatality occurred at the Great Boulder Perseverance mine on Saturday morning when two miners, William Adams and Benjamin Sullivan, were killed through the fall of some earth. It appears that deceased and two other men were working in one of the stopes of the Lake View Consols lode about the 300ft level, when a big body of stone came away overhead and instantly crushed the life out of Adams and Sullivan. Their companions escaped with slight injuries. Both of the deceased were single men. Adams was about 34 years of age, and had been employed at the Perseverance mine for some years past. Sullivan, who was not more than 22 years of age, arrived in this State from Ireland about seven months ago.

INJURED JOCKEYS.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

J. Roberts and E. Conley, jockeys who were injured in the steeplechase at Tattersall's Meeting at the Victoria Park on Saturday, are making favourable progress towards recovery at the Adelaide Hospital. Copley only regained consciousness at midday to-day.

A SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

A rather sensational suicide was reported at Sandgate to-day. Sergeant King had noticed a man named George Sundmacker wandering about Sandgate the past few days, and this afternoon approached the man with a view to question him. On the sergeant's approach Sundmacker drew a revolver and flourished it at him, telling the sergeant to keep out of the way. He then suddenly pointed the revolver at his own body, and shot himself through the heart. Death was instantaneous. In the pockets of the deceased were found several discharges showing that he belonged to the first Queensland contingent, and afterwards to the South African police.

SUICIDE BY DROWNING.

BRISBANE, Sunday.

Mrs. Catter was drowned on Friday whilst crossing a small creek on the Croydon side of Station Creek, North Queensland.

PORT MACQUARIE, Saturday.

A case of drowning took place at Beechwood yesterday morning. Thomas Lulham went to bathe at about 5 o'clock, as was usual. As he did not return, a party went in search of him, and found his clothes on the river bank. A further search revealed his body in about 3ft of water. It is supposed that deceased, who was in good health, and was training for athletic sports, became seized with cramps while he was bathing. Subsequently an inquiry into the cause of death was held by the district coroner, Mr. J. Y. Butler, who entered a finding that Thomas Lulham had died from asphyxia, consequent on concussion of the brain received whilst bathing.

THE PETRIANA SCANDAL

PUBLIC INDIGNATION.

DISASTROUS FOR THE GOVERNMENT VOTE.

LONG DEPARTMENTAL EXPLANATION.

MORE HAIR-SPLITTING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURN

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BIRTHS.

DALY.—November 29, at Wagga Wagga, the wife of J. E. Daly—a daughter.

ROLLERSTROM.—November 26, at their residence, Gryn-sear, Canrobert-street, Mosman, to Mr. and Mrs. Roller-strom—a son, Oscar.

LOVE.—November 23, at Wyalla, Palmer-street, North Sydney, the wife of Arnold W. Love—a son.

MARKELL.—December 7, at Coolabah, Wolseley-road, Point Piper, Mrs. Alex. Markell—a daughter.

WOODD.—December 2, at The Rectory, Morpeth, the wife of W. A. Woodd—a daughter.

DEATHS.

CUNNINGHAM.—December 8, 1903, suddenly, at 28 Temple-street, Stanmore, James Cunningham, late woodcarver, of Goulburn-street, city, aged 62 years.

FISHBURN.—December 8, 1903, at her father's residence, Castle Hill, Phyllis, dearly beloved eldest daughter of James Fishburn, in her 45th year.

FRASER.—December 1, 1903, Mary, relict of F. C. Fraser, of Grong Grong, at the residence of her daughter, Penhurwood, Hereford-street, Forest Lodge, aged 66.

GASTON.—At her residence, 11 Elgwick-street, Leichhardt, Ellen, relict of the late John H. Gaston, of Darlington, Sydney, aged 86 years.

HEYCOCK.—December 7, 1903, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, from appendicitis, Katharine Emma Heycock, third daughter of the late Frederick Heycock, of Branson-tam, Manor House, Oakham, Rutland, England.

REDDON.—December 7, at Campbelltown, Allan Geoffrey, youngest twin son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Seddon, aged 10 months and 10 days.

OWEN.—December 8, 1903, at her late residence, Glendower, 10 Norton-street, Leichhardt, Emma, relict of the late George Owen, aged 77 years.

WELLINGTON.—December 7, at the Sydney Hospital, through injuries accidentally received, Charles H. Wellington, of Graceville, 97 Audley-street, Peter-sham, aged 16 years.

MARRIAGES.

REDDING—OWENS.—November 9, at St. John's, Darlinghurst, by the Rev. E. C. Beck, Bertie Pymont, fourth son of William Redding, Esq., Peel, New South Wales, to Alice Charlotte, eldest daughter of Mrs. C. Owens, 41 Bayswater-road, Darlinghurst.

IN MEMORIAM.

GIBBINS.—In fond and loving memory of our dear little Freddie, who died at his parents' residence, Raglan-street, Waterloo, December 9, 1901. Only gone before. Inserted by his sorrowing parents and sister Vidie.

HALLINAN.—In sad and ever-loving remembrance of our dear mother, Hannah Hallinan, who departed this life at Miller's Point on December 9, 1899. The dearly loved mother of the late John Dennis Hallinan, hotel-broker. Sadly missed. Though lost to sight, to memory ever dear. Sweet Jesus, have mercy on her soul. Inserted by her fond son and daughter, R. B. H. and W. B. H.

HENLIN.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Mary Sarah Henlin, nee Flood, who died at her mother's residence, 67 Morehead-street, Redfern, December 9, 1900. Inserted by her brother and sister, Henry and Susie.

HENLIN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister and daughter, Mary Sarah Henlin, nee Flood, who died December 9, 1900. Never forgotten by mother, father; Tom, Kitty, Sib, and Harold.

HUELIN (nee Flood).—In sad but loving memory of our dear sister, Mary Sarah Huelin; who died December 9, 1900. Loved and sadly missed by Bert and Sid.

KEATING.—In true and loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life December 9, 1902. Inserted by her loving daughters, Nellie and Mary.
Mother is gone but not forgotten,
Nor is the good advice she gave.
Sweetest thoughts shall ever linger
Around our darling mother's grave.
Long days and nights she bore in pain,
To wait for cure was all in vain,
But God alone, who thought it best,
Did ease her pain and give her rest.

MOSSMAN.—In loving memory of Siddey, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Geo. Dalby, who passed away December 9, 1902, aged 12 years and 11 months. Inserted by his loving mother and grandmother. His will, not mine, be done.

PATRICKSON.—In affectionate remembrance of Reginald Harvey Patrickson, who died Sunday, December 9, 1894, at Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Inserted by his loving sister Bessie Evans, Strathfield.

PEARCE.—In loving memory of my dearly loved sister, Elizabeth Pearce, who died December 9, 1902. Inserted by her loving sister, Cecelia Sparring.

PHILLIPS.—In sad and loving memory of our dear Mother, Sarah Dorothy Phillips, who departed this life at Mortlake, December 9, 1901. At rest. Inserted by her loving sons, Harry and Alf.

PHILLIPS.—In loving memory of our dear grandmother, Sarah Dorothy Phillips; who departed this life, December 9, 1901, at Mortlake. Inserted by her loving grandchildren, Frederick and Ethel May, son and daughter of Frederick Phillips, of Queen-street, Paddington.

SPRING.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Walter William, who departed this life December 9, 1901, aged 16. Though lost to sight, to memory dear. Inserted by his loving parents, W. and S. Spring.

TAVENER.—In ever loving memory of our dear husband and father, Thomas Tavener, who passed away on December 9, 1902. Gone but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving wife and four children, Emily, Leslie, Reginald, John, and Rita.

TAVENER.—In loving memory of our dear brother and uncle, Thomas Tavener, who departed this life December 9, 1902. Never forgotten. Inserted by R. W., and S. Tavener and family.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. VIVIAN HALL, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. HOUSTON desire to return their sincere THANKS to their many kind friends and relatives for telegrams, letters, and floral tributes of sympathy in their recent and bereavement.

Mrs. J. ANDERSON and FAMILY, of Summer Hill, desire to express their sincere THANKS to all kind friends for their sympathy, floral tributes, letters, and telegrams sent during their recent sad bereavement.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1903.

AN APPEAL TO THE ELECTORS.

We are within a week of the date when the second Federal elections will be decided, but the first at which Federal Ministers have an opportunity to give an account of their stewardship and explain many things. This day week the Federal poll will be taken, and the occasion is proper to remind the voters of the Commonwealth and of this State in particular of the urgent gravity of the duty cast upon them. The reasons in detail why they should vote Mr. Deakin down next Wednesday have been put before the public so often and so pointedly that it would be idle to repeat them. Every qualified voter who has any right to exercise the franchise at all must be credited with having enough intelligence to know by this time what the issues are. They know that Mr. Deakin professes to advocate fiscal peace and preferential trade, which are self-contradictory propositions, that Mr. Reid advocates an amendment of the tariff on revenue tariff lines, that there is a threat of Federal arbitration on socialistic principles, that the question of the capital has yet to be settled, and that the Ministry is really on its trial before the country for that breach of Federal trust which gave us an anti-Federal tariff instead of an earnest effort to complete the federation. These and other points on which Federal Ministers have challenged criticism are now about to be remitted to the electors, male and female, of this Commonwealth. In the ordinary constitutional course of things they are called upon, after the lapse of nearly three years, to say what they think about Federal administration. Are they content to let the opportunity slip by, and will they patiently wait until the next Federal election three years hence gives them another chance?

The best advice that can be given to electors in this memorable campaign is that which we have proffered from the beginning. First, to make sure that they have a vote. Secondly, to exercise their right to vote. There is nothing partisan about this. Whatever an elector's views may be, this is good advice, and the privilege of the franchise is of no value whatever unless the individual voter is ready to do both these things. The main thing to be considered just here and now concerns the second point. Unless electors shake themselves up and do their duty at the polls it does not matter for practical purposes what their views may be. The qualified voter who does not vote is in the same position as the ignorant citizen of the Commonwealth who does not know how to qualify and the elector whose name through his own fault is not on the rolls. Both are negligible quantities in an election, and especially in such an election as that on which we are about to enter. There are points requiring intelligent thought, which electors qualified by intelligence as well as by enrolment will have to deal with, in respect of candidatures both for the Senate and for the House of Representatives. In another column this morning we give the case for the Senate, with its three points respecting the capital, the bookkeeping period, and the Interstate Commission. In the House of Representatives the case is much the same. Let the electors make their choice and settle how they will vote at once, so that no hesitation nor weakness will be possible on polling-day a week hence.

PREFERENCE IN PRACTICE.

Amid the distracting crossfire of preferential argument it is well to remember that an ounce of practice is worth a ton of theory. It is perhaps as well not to forget that Canada as long ago as April 23, 1897, began the experiment of giving a rebate of duty on British goods— rebate substantial enough to satisfy any reasonable experimentalist. That of course was Canada's reply to the Dingley tariff, which came into operation almost avowedly to cripple Canadian trade with the United States. And was the result to divert trade from the hostile "foreigner" next door to the head of the family over the sea? It seems that nothing could be clearer than that in the one instance where it has had a fair trial preference has not accomplished whereunto it was sent. In the last financial year, as the cable recently informed us, Canada's trade with America was not only enormous but increasingly enormous. In spite of the weight of the tariff and the weight of sentiment—and sentiment might have counted for something just when the Dominion is being exploited as the saviour of the Empire—Canada imported 137,695,195 dollars' worth from the United States as against 58,896,901 dollars' worth from Great Britain. It says a good deal for the apostolic enthusiasm of protectionists that with those figures before him the Premier of Ontario could refer to the preferential gospel as being "very stimulating to Canadian industries." Unfortunately it is one of the best known effects of a vicious faith to blind its victims to the plain incidence of facts.

For the utter inability of artificial restrictions to check the natural flow of trade is demonstrated year after year with patient persistency in the relations of the Dominion and the Republic. According to the political theories of both, the imaginary line of 3000 miles of frontier ought to reflect the light of commerce back to its source; but as a fact the politicians of both are as little successful as the gentleman who sat on the sands and asked the sea not to wet his feet. As soon as Canada awoke to exploit her own immense resources, neither the Dingley tariff nor preferentialism was able to throttle a phenomenal growth of trade between two countries geographically one. The point is well brought out in a recent volume by J. W. Root on "The Trade Relations of the British Empire," from which a few figures may be quoted. Prior to 1895 Canadian imports from the United States were never more than some 55 million dollars, and they ebbed down to 28 million. But since 1897, concurrently with the opening up of Canadian territory, and in the face of preference, they have risen steadily year by year. In 1898 they were worth nearly 75 million dollars, in 1899 over 88 million, in 1900 over 102 million, in 1901 over 107 million, in 1902 over 114 million, and now they are over 137 million. That is to say, over the whole period of preference about 60 per cent. of imports have come from the United States. It might be supposed that this movement was due to imports of duty free raw material for railway construction, and so forth; but as a fact free imports and dutiable imports have increased almost precisely to the same extent. Between 1897 and 1902 both alike almost exactly doubled in value. And between 1901 and 1902, when sentiment ought to have been worth at least a few silver dollars, the increase in dutiable imports from the United States was nearly seven times the increases in free imports. On the other hand the preference arrangement has done just about nothing toward transferring the demand for commodities from one side the Atlantic to the other. In 1896 the imports for consumption from the United Kingdom were 31.15 per cent. of the total; in 1902 they were 24.95 per cent., which happens to be just the average for the five years 1898-1902. Nor has there been any considerable rise in the percentage of exports of home produce to the United Kingdom. That percentage was, in 1897, 58.09, and the average for the next five years was 59.55. That average was only kept up by the activity of the war period, for in the last two years the percentages were 52.33 and 55.78 respectively. If there is any such person as a doubting freetrader it would be well worth his while to examine the details of Canadian trade in the past few years so far as they seem likely to have been affected by preference. It seems that there is only one moral to be drawn, and that is a little too obvious to set out. The plain fact is that trade relations are governed by the immediate self-interest of the parties concerned. In the face of that, political sentiments and artificial restrictions will fail to thwart nature just so long as trade is progressive and industry virile. It is no less fortunate than curious that Canada should be experiencing a wonderful commercial development just at the moment when that development serves to show the utter inadequacy of preference to accomplish what its devotees desire.

THE REFERENDUM.

Elsewhere in this issue we give the views of some of the leading advocates of reform, respecting the referendum vote to be taken next Wednesday on the subject of reduction in the number of members in our State Parliament. For considerations of economy and convenience that vote will be taken on the same day as the general election, but electors in this State must take care that they do not allow the importance of the Federal election to overshadow this question of the referendum. There is really no reason why it should do so. The electors are intelligent enough to see the importance of both, and so far as this question of the reduction of members is concerned both Mr. Carruthers and Mr. Stinson remind readers this morning that New South Wales is behind the other States in the matter of this reform. It is true that we have more population than any other State, but our local Parliamentary representation is far out of proportion to the difference. As matters stand now we have about 140,000 more people than Victoria, and 57 more members of the Legislative Assembly—nearly twice as many. We have more members than Victoria and Western Australia together, or than Victoria and South Australia, or than Victoria and Tasmania. Since federation was accomplished both Victoria and South Australia have reduced the numerical strength of their Parliaments. In no case does the representation of any State in the Lower House of its own Legislature come within 40 of our total. The nearest approach is that of New Zealand, which under exceptional circumstances returns 80. We have 53 more members than Queensland, where Labour checks reform, 83 more than South Australia, 65 more than Western Australia, and 87 more than Tasmania. Of course this disproportion is patently preposterous. There is no excuse for it.

The referendum professes to give the people of New South Wales a chance to correct this anomaly. It is not a fair referendum, because while the Government proposed reduction to the reasonable figure of 80 in its bill, it voted against that provision of its own measure in submission to the Labour party. Perhaps due importance is not given to the constitutional importance of this. The Ministry had introduced a bill to effect a change in the Constitution,—surely a matter in which Ministerial responsibility is involved. But Ministers declined to accept any such responsibility. The Labour party took it in their stead, and the Government bill was altered, Ministers submissively assisting at their own political funeral. But the country has to take what it can get. The limit of 90 is fixed as the lowest, a figure more than twice that of South Australia and 22 more than that of Victoria, the two States in which reform has taken marked effect. But even here the question before the electors is not whether they will have no reduction or a reduction by 35 members, but whether they will reduce by 35 or by 25 or keep things as they are. That confuses the issue, and what the exponents and spokesmen of reform now ask is that the electors will not allow their votes to be minimised by this device. Their counsel is to vote straight for reduction of the membership of the Legislative Assembly to 90, and not swell the 100-figure votes by a second choice. The electors will do well to thoughtfully consider this advice.

THE CONDEMNATION OF DAY LABOUR.

The Public Service Board finished a fortnight ago its inquiry into "the causes of the alleged excessive cost of the erection of the new pavilion at the Prince Alfred Hospital, constructed under the day-labour system," and to-day we are in a position to publish important extracts from the report. Perhaps it is not surprising that the Government was in no haste to make the report public property, for it is a serious indictment of the administration by this Government of the Public Works Department. A few months ago we had the disclosures about the scandalous maladministration of the Fitzroy Dock, with the Minister for Public Works interfering with the responsible officers and turning the place into a refuge for the influential friends of members of Parliament. Now we have the Public Service Board condemning in a most emphatic manner the day-labour system adopted by the Minister for Public Works, and going on then to recommend taking from that Minister his power to make political capital out of public works. As to these new pavilions at the Prince Alfred Hospital, the Board found that the cost of their erection was excessive. As a matter of fact, the stonework cost by £3184 more than was necessary—so much money thrown away because the Minister will not believe that contractors who have spent their lives in the work know more about their business than he does. Day labour may be successfully adopted, in certain cases, on one condition, is the Board's finding. It may, for instance, be adopted when unskilled labour is required, but when it is a question of a large amount of "wrought" work, the contract system is the cheaper. The one condition is that there shall be no interference with the officers in control of the work. This is a condition which the present Minister of Works is constitutionally unable to fulfil. He interfered at Cockatoo Island, he interfered at Prince Alfred Hospital, he would interfere if his department were building a battleship or a bridge over a creek. Political influence has been the catchword of this Government's management of public affairs.

The board recommends that the public works of the State should be placed in the hands of three commissioners, much in the same way that the railways of the State were placed. The Minister would be there as representing the great spending department in Parliament, and he would have the initiation of any enterprise. Parliament would deliberate on the proposal, modifying, rejecting, or accepting it. Once, however, it had been authorised by Parliament, the matter would automatically pass from the hands of the Minister to those of the commissioners. To them would belong the conduct of the work. They would decide how it should be done, and they would be susceptible to no political influence. There would be no repetition of the breaches of discipline occasioned by Ministerial interference with the responsible officers at the instance of members of Parliament. Politics and sentiment would have no more to do with the conduct of affairs under the Public Works Commissioners than they have in any ordinary business enterprise. If it were necessary that relief works should be set going, well and good, but they must be kept separate from ordinary public works, just as the merchant or builder keeps his charity apart from his business. There would, no doubt, be an end of the pleasant days of work, plentifully interlarded with holidays, to which the Public Works Department accustomed its clients at Cockatoo Island and elsewhere. The picture is attractive to the taxpayer, who has to pay for Mr. O'Sullivan's kindhearted generosity, but it remains to be seen how far it can be made real. Of course the present Parliament will do nothing. It condoned the Cockatoo Island disclosures, and it will not worry itself about the Prince Alfred Hospital affair. The report furnishes yet another unanswerable indictment against this Ministry of reckless extravagance and systematic squandering of the public money.

Election of Lord Mayor.—The Lord Mayor for the current year will be elected at noon to-day. The candidates are Aldermen John Harris, Ralston, Lane Mullins, and Waine. The contest is exciting more than usual interest. It is understood that so far as the chances of at least two of the candidates are concerned there is not much to choose between them. After a discussion, consequent upon the ways and means of electing the Lord Mayor, the selection will probably be favourable to Alderman John Harris as against Alderman Ralston.

The Lord Mayor's Allowance.—The general purposes committee of the City Council met yesterday afternoon to decide upon the allowance to the Lord Mayor for next year. Alderman E. Lindsay Thompson moved that the Lord Mayor's allowance for 1904 be £1000. Alderman Watkins moved as an amendment that the amount be £1500. He was convinced that the advance was a reasonable one, and quoted the case of Melbourne and other large cities, where the allowance annually was £1500. Alderman Kelly suggested that the sum be fixed at £750, which he considered ample in view of the present condition of affairs. The original motion was carried, and the council will to-day be asked to adopt the recommendation.

Civic Affairs.—At a meeting of the works committee of the City Council yesterday the tender of Mr. D. Owen was accepted for town yards, Belvoir-street, Surry Hills. Tenders were received for tar-distillation plant, and were referred to the proper officers for report.

Secret History of Cataract Dam.—Mr. John Symonds, resident engineer at the Cataract Dam, which is being built by the Works Department, gave interesting evidence at the Day-labour Inquiry. He said that generally speaking the men taken on came from the State Labour Board or the Labour Commissioners, or were local men. He exercised his personal right of appointing 15 per cent., and in his opinion it would be better if the entire selection were left to him as the responsible officer. "For several hours a day," said witness, "I am acting practically as a labour agent." If left to himself he could get tip-top men, whereas under the system he had to adopt sometimes a man turned out well and sometimes he did not. Mr. Kidd, as a local member, he added, "often sends a man to me asking if I can find room or give him an idea when there is anything to do." Notes were sent "on odd scraps of paper, and they were not recognised." Mr. Kidd thereupon sent lists of local men through the Minister for Works, and the latter marked them off as a reference to witness. Mr. Symonds, who is a young and smart officer, did not beat about the bush. "I have had a lot of men," he said, "that have come through Ministerial influence, we might say; they seemed to think they could ride roughshod over me, but we had to show them that they could not do so." He was referring to piece-workers. Any trouble witness had experienced with the men had been with the class he called "political men." He considered that the right to nominate his own workmen was the only way he could profitably carry on the work. He considered it would make 7 or 8 per cent. difference in the work.

Visit of the Treasurer to Cataract Dam.—The Treasurer, Mr. T. Waddell, intends paying a visit to-day to the Cataract Dam. He will be accompanied by Mr. E. J. Sievers, land valuer of the Public Works Department. Mr. Waddell stated yesterday that in carrying out the work of constructing the dam it has been found necessary to resume a number of properties within the catchment area. The resumptions will involve a considerable expenditure of money. Mr. Waddell's visit is in connection with the claims that have been made by the property holders.

Additional Electric Power.—It has been more than once stated by the Railway Commissioners that their inability to extend the electric tramway system to certain suburbs of Sydney is due to the fact that the power-house at Ultimo was working up to full pressure. Indeed, it has been stated that the "load" at present carried by the electric installation at the head station is far too great, and that it would be in the interest of the public if there was a greater margin of power than exists at the present time. In order to meet the great and growing public demand for electric traction the Railway Commissioners some months ago called for tenders for the supply and erection of additional machinery at the Ultimo power-house. Forty-one offers were received, and were submitted to the careful examination of the electrical engineers of the tramway service. The Commissioners now state that after careful consideration they have decided to accept the tender of Messrs. James Howden and Co., of Glasgow, submitted through their local agents, Messrs. W. and A. M'Arthur, Limited. The tender provides for the installation of a steam turbine plant manufactured by Messrs. C. A. Parsons and Co., Limited, of Newcastle-on-Tyne. It is to be provided with Babcock and Wilcox water tube boilers and automatic stokers. The cost of the additional power will be about £48,000, and it is expected the plant will be in running order in about 12 months.

The Day-labour System.—In the course of the Day-labour Inquiry, Mr. T. Loveridge, president of the Master Builders' Association, was asked whether as "a contractor and citizen" he was against the day-labour system. His reply was, "Absolutely." He also affirmed his belief that there was a tendency among workmen to work better for contractors than for the Government. "Two of our men left us," he said, "and told us they were going to work for the Government, where they would not have to burst themselves." He explained that the contractors did not compete for one of the Prince Alfred Hospital pavilions because the conditions laid down as to the purchase of materials were not fair. They argued that the builders should have a free hand to purchase any materials wherever they liked, and take advantage of the market. Having the same free hand to the Government. There were other points as to the placing of the contract under certain supervision, which they thought fairer than the proposal of the Government. They objected to be bound down to buy all the bricks from one yard. If one pavilion had been put up by day labour and the other by contract, there would, in his opinion, have been a sort of demand upon the builder to keep pace with the department. "Had the builder gone the faster," said witness, "you see what the result would have been. He would have been stuck up for bricks in a short time." The object of the department was to have uniformity in the colour of the bricks. However admirable that object from an artistic point of view, the stipulation was fatal to a test, as the contractor, receiving equal quantities of bricks with the department, would have been compelled to wait for a further supply when his faster work had put him ahead. In other words, he would have been at the mercy of his day-labour competitors.

The Tramways and Merchandise.—Representatives from the municipal councils of Randwick, Waverley, and Vaucluse were introduced to the Railway Commissioners yesterday by Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., with a request that the Commissioners should arrange for the conveyance of building material and merchandise generally on the tramways by night. It was urged that this would not only be a source of revenue to the Commissioners, but it would also be an advantage to the municipalities, inasmuch as the reduction in the cost of freight by tram, as against conveyance by horse and cart, would encourage building operations. The Commissioners pointed out that in the first place they had no legal power to carry merchandise by trams, and even if it were obtained, special rolling stock would be required, as the railway trucks were not suitable for running on the tramlines. The tramway trucks were not adapted for running on the railways. There were other serious practical difficulties in the way, and the Commissioners' experience did not lead them to believe that even if they had the legal power or the rolling stock traffic would result as the deputation seemed to think. Under all the circumstances the Commissioners could not hold out to the deputation the least hope of being able to seriously consider their request.

Circular Quay Improvements.—Much has been done to improve the appearance of Circular Quay and its surroundings since the demolition of Change-alley was found necessary when the electric tram system of the city was installed. But a striking blot on the general plan of improvement remains in the shape of the partially dismantled Ship Inn. It was resumed along with a number of other properties abutting on Change-alley. All the buildings were pulled down and removed with the exception of the Ship Inn, and it was left in such a dilapidated condition that the exposed doorways had to be barricaded with sheets of galvanised iron. Not only is the place a complete disfigurement of Circular Quay, but it cumbers ground that would be of great value as a space for omnibuses and other vehicles. The Railway Commissioners explain that the Ship Inn and other buildings in Change-alley were taken over by them in connection with the laying down of the electric trams. The buildings that stood in the way of laying the tramlines were removed. The Ship Inn was resumed at a cost of £28,000. As the Commissioners desired to obtain some revenue out of the building sections of it were let on short leases as offices and shops, and it is expected the old building will be completely removed towards the end of next year.

Seats in School.—It would rather startle a headmaster of a public school if a pupil of advanced Bostonian type were to say: "I decline, sir, to occupy the seat you provide." If the headmaster could find breath to say, "Why?" the pupil might answer: "Sir—to sit here would be unhygienic, and would operate adversely to my proper physical development. The system of seating adopted here tends to produce myopia and spinal curvature, and to reduce my lung power, and consequently my vitality. It causes lassitude. Sir, as I bend my back there is a diminution of the thoracic cavity by the approximation of the chest walls, causing difficulty in respiration and circulation. I have, sir, other reasons, touching the reciprocal relationship between my vertebral column and my viscera, but I think I have said sufficient just now." Yet such a protest would be merely quoting what the Education Commissioners have to say regarding the effect of sitting on unsuitable seats. They add that the system of seating in the New South Wales schools is the worst they have seen. They take up pages of their report with hints as to the style of seat and desk which ought to be installed.

Naval News.—H.M.S. Phoebe, which has been replaced on the New Zealand division of the station by the H.M.S. Pyiades, arrived at Sydney shortly before midnight last night. H.M.S. Pyiades arrived at Auckland from Sydney on Thursday last, and the Phoebe took her departure on the same day. H.M.S. Psyche, which has been selected to replace H.M.S. Archer on the Australian station, is expected to arrive here from England to-day.

The Missing Ship Aristides.—According to advices received by yesterday's English mail the fear is entertained that the missing ship Aristides, of the Aberdeen line, foundered during a violent tempest about July 11 last. The Aristides, a well known visitor to Australia, sailed from Caleta Buena with a cargo of nitrate on May 26 last for San Francisco, and has not since been heard of. The owners, Messrs. Geo. Thompson and Co., on October 31 last received information from the master of the barque Bankleigh, which arrived at Tocapilla on September 16 from Whatcomb, to the effect that his vessel encountered a severe hurricane on July 11 in lat. 17 N, long. 125.10 W. From a calculation made it is considered highly probable that the Aristides encountered the same gale. Among those on board the missing ship were several well-known residents of Sydney. Mr. Le Fairre, the chief officer, resided with his family at Balmain, and was for many years in the employ of the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. Mr. Thomas Wedderburn, of Manly, was another of the officers, while the midshipmen included a son of Mr. Hugh Gordon, of Homebush, and a son of Mr. Treate, P.M., of Wagga. The master, Captain Poppy, was also well-known here.

Question of Seaworthiness.—An important question to shipowners and consignees of cargo was decided—as far as it could be definitely dealt with at Nisi Prius—by Mr. Justice Owen yesterday. Messrs. Briscoe and Co. had sued the master of the steamship Gulf of Bothnia, as representative of the owners, to recover compensation for damage done to a quantity of tinplates consigned to them from Bristol. It appeared that the vessel called at Albany for coal, and shortly after resuming her voyage it was found that there was several feet of water in the hold, and that plaintiffs' goods being submerged were thereby damaged. Their main contention was that there was a warranty by the owners not only that the vessel was seaworthy at the time of her departure from Bristol, but that she was in a fit condition to carry cargo safely after she left Albany. His Honor granted a nonsuit, and held that the view of the law taken by the plaintiff's counsel was erroneous, and that no fresh warranty attached at intermediate ports where the steamship necessarily called to replenish her supply of coal in order to complete her voyage. He, however, granted a stay of proceedings until next Term, as the point was an important one and had not been decided before.

The San Francisco Mail.—Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, managing agents for the Oceanic S.S. Company's A. and A. line, were yesterday advised by cable that the R.M.S. Sonoma reached Auckland at midnight on Monday last well in advance of contract time. She continued her voyage to Sydney last night, and is expected to arrive here early on Saturday morning. She brings British mails bearing the date November 7 and American files to the date November 19. On arrival the Sonoma will berth at the company's wharf on the eastern side of the Circular Quay.

The annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society will be held at 3 p.m. on January 20. A revised list of the retiring officers is advertised in this issue.

Mr. H. G. Bartlett, discussing "The Dangers of Literature," directs attention to the danger to the community of the circulation of certain classes of books and newspapers.

A meeting of the Master Retailers' Association is announced to be held at Post Office-chambers to-morrow evening.

"Worker" argues that one of the causes of the declining birthrate is the impossibility of living and rearing a family on the small wages obtainable. He attributes the overstocking of the markets by clerks to the large number of women employed at low wages.

Mrs. W. F. Latimer (Mayoress of Woollahra) has convened a meeting of local residents to be held at the Woollahra Council Chambers at 3 p.m. to-day for the purpose of devising means to assist the Queen Victoria Consumptives Fund.

Messrs. Gowing Bros. forward their catalogue and book of samples for the coming season.

A meeting of supporters of preferential trade will be held at the Royal Society's Rooms at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will conduct an auction sale of obsolete and surplus naval stores at Garden Island at 10.30 this morning.

The final meeting of the present session of the Actuarial Society was held last night. The business of the evening was the adjourned discussion on a paper read at the previous meeting by Mr. E. M. Moors, F.I.A., entitled, "Notes on the Net Premium Method of Valuation."

At a meeting of the Glebe Council on Monday evening Alderman Dunn drew attention to the raking of fish with nets from the waters of Blackwattle Bay, which were polluted with sewage matter. He said the offenders were Italians, who sent the fish to market. He thought it a most serious matter, as the fish could not be wholesome. He hoped the council would take action to put a stop to such proceedings. The aldermen were sympathetic and the council clerk was instructed to write to the Board of Health

THE REFERENDUM.

APPEAL FROM MR. CARRUTHERS.

A PLEA FOR REFORM.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Some Reasons to vote for a Reduction of Members on the Referendum on Wednesday, December 16, 1903.

Fellow Electors,—The Ministry of New South Wales having shirked its responsibility to carry out its pledge of last elections for reduction of members, on you is cast the duty of saying whether the present pomp and extravagance of our Parliamentary system shall continue undiminished, or whether there shall be a reasonable reduction of the cost of the machinery of government.

The Liberal party which I have the honour to lead urges you in the interests of good government and economical administration to vote solidly in favour of

A REDUCTION TO 90 MEMBERS.

You have no choice to vote for a lower number because the Ministry, after introducing a bill to enable you to vote on the numbers 125, 100, 90, and 80, connived with the Labour party to eliminate the number 80 from the bill so as to "gag" the electors from any expression of opinion as to a lower number than 90.

The Opposition has been charged with refusing to vote against the bill on its second reading. The truth is that we considered the whole proceedings of the Ministry in reference to their pledges for reduction of members as simply beneath contempt, and whilst we opposed the action of the Premier and his colleagues in evading honest performance of those pledges by their contriving to sneak behind the referendum proposal, we declined to participate in the farce which we knew was being played by the majority in passing the second reading of the bill which they intended to emasculate in committee.

We propose now to submit to you some reasons why you should vote for a reduction to 90. First:

Because the present number—125—is too large, from past experience.

This State was for over 20 years better governed by a Parliament of not more than 72 members in the Assembly. The Parliaments which broke down the bad monopoly of the past and opened the Crown lands to the people, which initiated our system of State education, and which won manhood suffrage, besides innumerable other reforms for the people, were not greater in number than 72.

The present number—125—is an excessive number in view of the accomplishment of federation and the diminished power of legislation remaining in the State.

Because the present number is too high by the test of comparison.

The State of New South Wales holds the unenviable distinction of having the largest number of members in its Parliament of all the self-governing girts of the Empire, excluding, of course, the mother country. A glance at those figures should at once convince you of the necessity for voting for the reduction to 90, viz.:—

State or Colony.	Area. sq. miles.	Population, 1901 Census.	No. of Members in Lower House.
New South Wales ...	310,739	1,359,133	125
Victoria ...	87,884	1,210,341	68*
Queensland ...	668,497	503,266	72
South Australia ...	903,690	362,504	42†
Tasmania ...	26,215	172,475	36
W. Australia ...	975,920	184,124	50
New Zealand ...	104,751	772,719	80

* Reduced in 1902.
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Canada.	Area. sq. miles.	Population, Census, 1901.	No. of Members in Lower House.
Prince Edw'd Island ...	2,000	103,259	30*
Nova Scotia	20,000	459,574	38
Quebec	347,350	1,648,898	74
New Brunswick ...	28,200	331,120	45*
Ontario	222,000	2,182,947	92*
Manitoba	73,956	255,211	40*
British Columbia ...	383,000	178,657	38*
N.W. Territories ...	2,376,540	211,649	31*

* Single Chamber.

These figures are known to every man who studies the conduct of government throughout the Empire, and they place New South Wales at the disadvantage of appearing to be the part "most over-governed."

THE EFFECT ON STATE CREDIT.

The State is a large borrower, and its days of necessity to borrow are not over. We have (according to Mr. Coghlan's Statistics, pp. 39 and 40, Six States 1903 edition) to pay off the following loans during the next nine years:—

Year.	£	
1903 ...	1,003,700 ...	Debentures
1904 ...	98,000 ...	Debentures
1905 ...	908,800 ...	Debentures
	2,000,000 ...	Treasury Bills
1906 ...	224,000 ...	Debentures
	1,000,000 ...	Treasury Bills
1907 ...	1,875,000 ...	Treasury Bills
1908 ...	2,963,500 ...	Debentures
	100,000 ...	Treasury Bills
1909 ...	324,000 ...	Debentures
1910 ...	2,988,700 ...	Debentures
1912 ...	9,350,351 ...	Debentures
Total from 1903 to 1912	22,628,951 ...	To be repaid.

In addition to this there are Treasury bills issued since June 30 this year, a deficiency account of about £500,000 and annual sinking fund payments of about £225,000 a year, so that we shall require for redemption purposes alone to go on the London and other markets for fully 23 to 24 millions sterling in the next nine years, without mentioning the moneys required for public works, which will probably reach another 16 millions.

Knowing the difficulty this State has now to contend with in obtaining money, knowing, too, how financial critics charge us with extravagance and over-government, what injury must be inflicted upon our public credit if the people as well as the Ministry refuse to curtail the absurdly high strength of Parliament with its consequent example of unnecessary cost.

REDUCTION OF MEMBERS—A PLEDGE OF ECONOMY.

The intrinsic value of reduction of members as a saving of expenditure may not be great in itself, but as an earnest of the determination of the people of New South Wales to set their house in order and to live within their means, it has a value and an influence which no man can adequately measure.

Every one of the 125 members has his local works and local demands for works to advocate, and in that respect he is a suppliant for expenditure, which under our present system is largely based on political considerations.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW.

To those who fear that reduction of members will diminish the recognition of local wants we say that a system of local self-government can no longer be withheld from the people of this State, and it must follow at once. Such a system as we advocate—simple, inexpensive, and elastic—will hand over to local bodies the present road vote with power to expend it under local control.

REDUCTION NOT AIMED AT ANY PARTY.

Reduction of members will not of itself affect the relative position of any party, nor is it advocated by us for that purpose. The Labour party in the Federal Parliament has not suffered by the enlargement of constituencies in a smaller House so far as the State's representation is concerned. The cry that reduction is advocated to injure the Labour party is a mere bogey raised to save a few members from having to fight for their seats.

THE COUNTRY ELECTORS WILL NOT SUFFER MORE THAN OTHERS.

The bogey is raised that the country electors alone will suffer. We maintain that no one will suffer, but all will gain, and more especially country districts which, by reduction of members and local self-government, will gain local control of local works.

Whether there be reduction of members or not, there must be a redistribution of members based on the only admittedly democratic basis of one adult one vote—one vote one value. It is this principle which always will give populous centres a more compact electorate, and reduction of members in no way affects this principle or of itself favours or makes to suffer any portion of the State.

ONE OR TWO CHAMBERS?

The question of whether there ought to be one House or two Houses need not affect the present issue. Even those in favour of only one House must see that we have to face the fact that at present we have and are likely to have for many years the two Chambers.

But even with one Chamber 90 will be quite enough members, especially when we know that Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia, and the North-West Territories of Canada with only one Chamber have only from 31 to 98 members.

HOW TO VOTE.

You will be asked to vote on Wednesday, December 16 (the day of the Federal elections) on the following ballot paper:—

	125 (This is the present number.)
	100
	90

Our advice to you is to vote for 90 only. Plump for it by placing the figure 1 in the square in front of the figure 90. Do not trouble about the second choice, but make the same simple cross of 90 versus 125, and this you can do by giving one vote, and one only, and that for 90. This, then, is the way to vote—

	125 (This is the present number).
	100
1	90

The Liberal Party enjoins upon you all to do your duty at the ballot box and thereby set an example to a Ministry and a Parliament which both have shirked their responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Carruthers

Leader of the Liberal Party.

REFERENDUM VOTE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Now that the Government have mutilated the referendum Bill in such a way that the electors are prevented from saying whether they are in favour of reducing the members of Parliament to a number below 90 it becomes important to ascertain the best method of voting so as to avoid the possibility of reform votes being wasted or being used by the opponents of reform.

Inasmuch as uniformity is essential I venture to make the suggestion that every person who wants reduction should vote for 90, and nothing else even by way of second or third choice for the following reasons:—

Let us assume there are 500,000 voters, male and female, and supposing a majority, say 300,000, are in favour of reduction of some kind, the balance then will vote to retain the present number of members. If all advocates of reform were left to their own choice we should get the following result of first choices perhaps:—

For 125 .. .. .. 200,000 votes.
For 100 .. .. .. 120,000 votes.
For 90 .. .. .. 180,000 votes.

Thus anti-reform has the largest total to start with, but not an absolute majority. The scrutineers must therefore take the smallest parcel—that is 120,000—take from that any voting papers that show a second choice for 125, and add them to the total of 200,000, and so on with regard to the parcel of votes for 90. Thus if 50,000 votes of second or third choices are added to 200,000 an absolute majority is secured, and reformers would have the humiliation of seeing reform votes being used to swell the total against reform. Thus we arrive at the first proposition that no advocate of reform should cast any vote, first, second, or third choice for the number 125.

Then arises the next difficulty. If there are no alternative votes amongst the parcels 100 or 90, then the original vote for 125 cannot be increased, nor can the voting papers from these two parcels be transferred to 125. Now, the Act provides that the only conditions under which a number recording less than an absolute majority of votes shall be the declared number is when the three parcels have been converted by transfer into one. If then no such transfer can take place because there are no alternative votes, and no one parcel contains an absolute majority (that is at least 250,000), the referendum vote becomes abortive, and the Government will say with grief that reduction of members is postponed indefinitely. From this we deduce the second proposition, viz., the reform vote must be so organised as to secure an absolute majority in the first instance for one number. If, as I suggest, 90 is the chosen number, we shall probably get a poll as follows:—

For 125: 200,000 votes (as before).
For 100: 0 (instead of 120,000).
For 90: 300,000 votes (that is, 180,000 plus 120,000).

Under those circumstances 90 having secured an absolute majority becomes the declared number to which numbers of members of Parliament should be reduced.

But I notice that some persons propose that all who give their first vote to 90 should in addition make 100 their second choice. If, however, there are no first preferences cast for 100, the second choice for 100 could not under any circumstances be used to increase the total for 90 or for 100. The second vote for 100 is useless. Another suggestion is that those who vote for 100 as first choice should give their second vote for 90. But the secondary votes for 90 can only count on the assumption that the first votes for 100 are the smallest total, and that the votes must therefore be distributed amongst the other numbers. The object in both cases is as far as possible to obtain a solid vote for 90, then why not in the first instance vote for 90 alone? There may be many who advocate a reduction, yet do not care to go below 100. At the same time a great majority prefer 90. Inasmuch then as we are fighting a common enemy—extravagance and unconstitutional government—surely every man with the interests of his country at heart will unite to adopt the one course which can alone secure success, and that is—plump for 90. I am, &c,

December 8. C. G. WADE.

REGULATIONS UNDER THE ACT.

COPIED FROM THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

The ballot papers for the taking of the referendum on the reduction of members question are now being distributed by the State electoral authorities, together with instructions to the electors how the votes are to be recorded. It is hoped the Commonwealth electoral officers will be able to cope with the extra work thrust upon them, but the addition to their duties is not so very onerous after all, as they will have only to distribute the ballot papers to voters, answer any questions put to them on matters that require explanation, and at the close of the poll collect the ballot papers, place them in parcels, seal them, and forward them to the State electoral authorities to be counted.

For the purpose of the referendum, regulations have been framed which are, save for their adaptation to State purposes, almost a copy of those issued by the Commonwealth authorities. They provide for voting by post, the certificate to be given to electors by returning officers is similarly worded to that in the schedule to the Commonwealth Electoral Act, and the persons authorised to witness the signatures to electors are almost the same. The chief difference is, perhaps, that a justice of the peace is authorised to attest the signatures of postal voters in the referendum.

PEOPLE'S REFORM LEAGUE.

AN APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

VOTE FOR 90 MEMBERS.

The referendum as to the number of members of the State Parliament is to be submitted to the people of New South Wales on December 16 at the Federal polling booths.

We appeal to you to vote for 90.

Sir John See said, "Surely we can trust the people to express their opinion on a great constitutional change, and let them exercise their judgment and common sense." "Trust the people all the time."

But his Government and the Labour party will not trust the people to vote for 80 or any less number.

At every by-election "reduction of members" to 78 or 80 has been affirmed by the successful candidates.

The country's clearly-expressed opinion has been flouted by the trickery of the Government in voting against the number 80 in their own bill.

Such an abuse of responsible government never occurred in this State until now.

Under the pretence of reforming the House the Government combined with their masters, the Labour party, to defeat a vital clause in their own bill.

The Labour party professes to represent the people, but declines to trust the people to vote for 80 members.

The Labour party claims the referendum as a principal plank in its platform.

Yet New South Wales has been deliberately tricked into a position where the people have no power to give any answer to the question of "reduction" except an answer carefully cooked beforehand.

The people of this State must clearly understand that the Government and the Labour party are now in collusion to defeat the will of the people and to retain their seats.

Although the credit of the State has been degraded throughout the world by gross extravagance and mismanagement of the public finances, Parliament has refused the people the right to reform the House in a manner demanded by the circumstances.

To restore confidence and prosperity and give employment to our people, a reduction in the number of legislators is first of all imperative.

Every other State in the Commonwealth has drastically reformed its Parliament.

With Federal representation our present State House is altogether out of proportion to our needs.

We now appeal to the people to vote for 90 because they are not allowed to vote for a less number.

Not to vote at all would be to retard the cause of reform.

Is New South Wales to be "run" for the politicians or for the people?

JOHN STINSON, President.

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SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

NEW MAHDI IN THE SOUDAN.

CAPTURED AND EXECUTED.

RAPID DESERT MARCH.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

A new Mahdi in the Soudan, one Mahomed el Amin, a Tunisian, who has been causing trouble to the Government at Khartoum, and who already had gathered many followers, has been captured and hanged.

The expedition was in command of Major-General B. T. Mahon, who, with 200 Khartoum cavalry and 200 infantry, set out from El Obeid with two maxims, and made a forced march of 200 miles across the desert to Dar Tagalla, where the Mahdi Mahomed el Amin was surrounded and captured.

The troops returned to El Obeid, where Mahomed el Amin was hanged.

The success of the operations was due to the extraordinary rapidity with which the troops marched, as on the return journey, which was accomplished in a greater space of time, three-fourths of the soldiers were down with fever.

[El Obeid is about 250 miles south-west of Khartoum, while in a direct line Tagalla is 150 miles south-east of El Obeid.]

FRENCH CONGO COLONIES.

A SCHEME OF REORGANISATION.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Major Marchand has been appointed by the French Government to undertake the unification of the French colonies around the Congo, to reorganise the rights of concessionaires, and to reduce the expenditure.

M. Pelletan, the French Minister of Marine, states that £5,000,000 sterling has been expended in a few years by the French Government in the Central African colonies without a penny being received in return.

HUNGARY.

PARLIAMENTARY OBSTRUCTION CEASES.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The party of Independence in the Hungarian Diet has ceased its policy of obstruction since M. Kossuth, its leader, and Count Stephen Tisza, the Premier, have arranged a compromise on the Army Bill and other points at issue.

BRITISH POTTERS REMOVE TO GERMANY.

SHIP GOODS BACK TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Twyford's, Limited, and Johnson Brothers, Limited, two of the largest potters of Staffordshire, announce that they are opening works in Germany.

Twyford's, Limited, explain that the travellers of the firm asserted that it was useless to visit protective countries to obtain orders, but by starting works in Germany the firm will be able to compete with Germany and America, besides shipping their product to England.

FREIGHTS TO AUSTRALIA.

A FIGHT PROMISED.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Shipping Ring has published a list of 48 steamers carrying refrigerating accommodation and six without such accommodation, which will be available for the Australian cargo service. The Ring announces that it will despatch a steamer to Sydney and Melbourne every Saturday in January and February of next year. Of these all but two will call at Adelaide.

During the same period the Aberdeen line will despatch five steamers to Australia, and Lund's line two steamers.

LABOUR ON THE RAND.

A REFERENDUM ASKED FOR.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

A deputation from the White Labour League has urged Sir A. Lawley, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Transvaal, to refer the question of the importation of Asiatics to work in the mines to a referendum.

His Excellency said that his experience of the referendum in Australia was not encouraging. The question was too complex to render a simple intelligible issue practicable.

BRITISH TRADE RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The returns of British trade for the month of November issued by the Board of Trade show that imports have increased by £3,005,535, and exports have decreased by £1,610,445, compared with the corresponding month of last year.

SIR JAMES KNOWLES.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Mr. James Knowles, the editor of the "Nineteenth Century," has been knighted.

Sir James Knowles was the founder, and is also the proprietor and editor of the "Nineteenth Century." He was born in 1831. He was educated as an architect at University College, in his father's office, and at Italy. He originated the Metaphysical Society in 1869, and was editor of the "Contemporary Review" from 1870 to 1877. Sir James Knowles is a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

NEW ZEALAND ARBITRATION.

A REJOINDER TO MR. SEDDON.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The "Times" publishes from Mr. Henry Field, of Wellington, New Zealand, a letter, a column and a half in length, embodying the answer of the Employers' Federation to the letter of Mr. R. Seddon, the Premier of New Zealand, published in the "Times" on September 24, respecting the Conciliation and Arbitration Act and New Zealand prosperity.

In his letter Mr. Seddon wrote most eulogistically of the results which he contended had followed the operation of the Arbitration Act in New Zealand, and in the concluding portion of his letter he said:—"The whole general position of the Arbitration Act may be stated as follows: Since its inauguration there has been no attempt at strike or lockout that has not been instantly baffled and the labour dispute adjusted. No better testimonial to the excellent work done by the New Zealand Arbitration Act could be given than its imitation by our close neighbours of Australia."

PERPETUAL SATISFACTION at Tea Time is certain if you use LLOYD'S DELICIOUS 1s 3d TEA. Single pounds sold at LLOYD'S, 109 King-st, and 594 Geo.-st, city.—Advt.

THE UNITED STATES.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES.

NEED OF A STRONG NAVY.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The regular session of Congress of the United States was opened yesterday. President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, referred in terms similar to those of his message of 1902 to trusts and to the relations between capital and labour.

Dealing with finance, he anticipated a very small surplus during the current year. He recommended the appointment of a commission to inquire into the condition of the mercantile marine. He expressed satisfaction at the fairness and goodwill underlying the award of the tribunal appointed to fix the boundary between Alaska and the United States, and the growth of improved methods for the settlement of International disputes, exemplified in the arbitration agreement with regard to the claims of the Powers on Venezuela.

President Roosevelt emphasised the importance of the fact that China had opened Mukden and Antung, in Manchuria, to foreign trade.

He justified the attitude of the United States towards Panama. Fifty-three riotous outbreaks in the Isthmus in 57 years, he considered, proved the helplessness of Colombia to govern her territory.

Emphasising the need of a strong navy, the President continued, "America cannot afford to let up in this great work."

[In his message to Congress in 1902 the President called attention to the necessity of discriminating between those aggregations of capital which were for the interests of the country and those which were injurious. "We must be careful," he said "not to stop the great enterprises which have legitimately reduced the cost of production, not to abandon the place which our country has won in the leadership of the international industrial world, not to strike down wealth with the result of closing factories and mines, of turning the wage-earner idle in the street, and leaving the farmer without a market for what he grows. No more important subject can come before this Congress than this, the regulation of interstate business. This country cannot afford to sit supine on the plea that under our peculiar system of government we are helpless in the presence of the new conditions, and unable to grapple with them or cut out whatever of evil has arisen in connection with them."]

HOW APPOINTMENTS ARE MADE.

BETWEEN THE STROKES OF THE CLOCK.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, the New York correspondent of the "Times," says that the extra session of the United States Congress, which commenced at the beginning of November, was merged at noon yesterday into the regular session.

President Roosevelt, the correspondent continues, acted on the artful advice of Senator Lodge and lawyers, between the first and the last stroke of the clock of twelve. This appreciable interval he utilised as a recess, and nominated Brigadier-General Wood, now in the Philippines, a Major-General, and other officers to higher rank, also Dr. Crum, a negro, to the position of Collector of Customs at Charleston, South Carolina, as recess appointments.

THE FAR EAST.

SEIZURE OF A RUSSIAN STEAMER.

RUSSIA THREATENS TO RETALIATE.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Japan has seized the Russian steamer Progress, which sank the Japanese steamer Tokai Maru by coming into collision with it on the high seas.

Russia disclaims liability for damages, and threatens to seize a Japanese mail steamer unless the Progress is released.

[The Russian steamer Progress collided with the Japanese steamer Tokai Maru, of the fleet of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, on October 29, about 15 miles off Hakodate, Japan. The Tokai was struck violently on the starboard bow and foundered. Forty-eight lives were lost, and 56 of the passengers and crew were rescued, and taken by the Progress to Yokohama. The Progress was badly damaged as a result of the collision, both of her bows being stove in.]

RUSSIA'S SILENCE.

ANOTHER TREATY WITH CHINA.

OUTWITTING JAPAN.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The silence of Russia with regard to the minimum demands of Japan concerning Manchuria and Korea is explained by the fact mentioned by the Peking correspondent of Reuter's Agency, that China is negotiating an agreement with Russia, conceding most of Russia's supplementary terms for the so-called evacuation of Manchuria. This agreement will confer the sovereignty of Manchuria upon the Chinese Emperor, but will give to Russia an advisory share in the Government of those provinces.

SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN.

MULLAH OCCUPIES MUDUG.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The patrols of the Mullah Abdullah, in Somaliland, have occupied Mudug, a post four days' march north-west of Obbia.

FORT DURBO DESTROYED.

BY A BRITISH CRUISER.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Bluejackets from H.M.S. Mohawk (third-class cruiser), Commander E. F. A. Gaunt, landed on the Somaliland coast and burned Fort Durbo, which in shelling an Italian dhow a few days ago killed Lieutenant-Commander Grabau.

Thirty natives were killed. Commander Gaunt was wounded and a marine was killed.

[A cablegram published yesterday stated that Lieutenant-Commander Grabau, commanding an Italian dhow, noticing the absence of the Italian flag from Durbo Fort, on the coast of Somaliland, allowed the fort two hours in which to hoist the flag. The time having expired and the flag not being hoisted, he opened fire. The fort replied and a shell from it killed Lieutenant Commander Grabau, Commander Gaunt, of the Mohawk, is a son of Judge Gaunt, of Victoria.]

THE BRITISH EXPEDITION TO THIBET.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

The Chinese Court is excited over the British expedition to Thibet. The Chinese Resident of Lhassa has been ordered to be very circumspect.

ARMS FOR CANADA.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Defence in Canada, is purchasing 72 guns for 12 batteries of field artillery, and 50 Maxims in England.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 1d per ounce standard, a fall of ½d since Saturday.

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

SPEECH BY LORD SELBORNE.

THE IRISH AGITATION.

LORD ROSEBERY AND PREFERENCE.

ASKING A MANDATE OF THE PEOPLE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Earl of Selborne, the First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking at Edinburgh last night, said that Unionists must watch the agitation of Home Rule for Ireland. If the Unionist organisations showed signs of decay Home Rule would revive. It was possible to change tariffs, but were a Parliament established at Dublin it could only be changed by civil war.

The recent speech of the Duke of Devonshire was unequivocally hostile to any preference being granted to the colonies. Canada in 1894 approached Lord Rosebery, then Prime Minister, with preferential proposals, and was told they were inadmissible in the actual form presented, but that if proposals had been made for establishing a Zollverein the answer would have been different.

Lord Rosebery implied then that he was in favour of reciprocity on the basis of freetrade within the Empire, but a uniform tariff against foreigners.

Therefore, although the Opposition was now entitled to criticise recent proposals of preferential trade, they were precluded from assuming the position of the Duke of Devonshire.

Commenting upon statistics which have been published, Lord Selborne urged that the influence of the fiscal system on the condition of trade and population had been grossly exaggerated by both sides in the controversy.

Mr. Balfour's policy of retaliation, he said, was justified on the ground of our precarious tenure of foreign markets.

Regarding the remarks of Lord Rosebery, Lord Selborne said that he greatly misjudged the United States if their respect for Great Britain was increased by the fact that Great Britain had not even the spirit to defend her own commercial interests.

"But," he said, "it is useless to attempt to reform the existing fiscal system unless the people are behind us. That is why a mandate of the constituencies is asked."

Lord Selborne, continuing, said that if the Empire was not hereafter united each part would be outweighted by other nations.

He would not say that preference was the only road to the unity of the Empire, but it was a road, and he was unable even on the authority of the Duke of Devonshire to rule it out.

It we took care of the Empire, then employment, wages, trade, and food would take care of themselves.

[Lord Rosebery, in a speech delivered to a great Liberal demonstration at the Surrey Theatre, London, on November 25, asked: "Will the Americans, the most pugnacious people in the world, take retaliation lying down? The first result of the new proposals will be a bitter warfare with countries, in which we stand to lose everything and gain nothing." This is the reference which Lord Selbourne makes in the above speech.]

THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

QUESTIONS OF FACT AND OF OPINION.

THE FEAR OF HOME RULE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Marquis of Londonderry, the President of the Board of Education, addressing the Northern Union of Conservative Associations at South Shields yesterday, said that Home Rule for Ireland was a question of fact; the fiscal problem was a question of opinion, and could not be made a test of party loyalty.

They must look, he said, to all sides of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals before relinquishing the present good. Mr. Balfour's policy for the moment was the sole solution.

BRITISH WOOL TRADE.

EFFECTS OF HOSTILE TARIFFS.

ALLEGED GREAT DECLINE.

COMPENSATIONS OF COLONIAL TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Lord Masham, in a letter to the "Times," says that the Yorkshire wool trade has suffered more from hostile tariffs and free imports than any other great English industry.

Great Britain, he says, exported in 1890 £11,000,000 more wool textiles than she imported. Now Great Britain is sending £9,000,000 to foreign countries, and £6,000,000 to the colonies and British possessions. But foreigners send to England £10,000,000 worth of woollens.

Since 1890 England has lost her foreign wool trade at the rate of nearly £1,000,000 a year, yet no one seems to be aware of it.

Lord Masham declares unhesitatingly that unless Great Britain secures the colonial trade the wool industry will be faced with ruin.

"It is the same," he continues, "with our general trades. Our loss of foreign trade has been imperceptibly compensated by ever-increasing shipments to the colonies and British possessions, causing schoolboy chatterers to declare that free-trade is causing prosperity.

"During the last 15 years British trade with the colonies and British possessions has increased at the rate of £2,000,000 a year, otherwise the country would have been in distress."

[Lord Masham (Samuel Cunliffe-Lister) is chief shareholder and chairman of the board of directors of the Manningham Wool Mills.]

MR. A. BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Mr. A. Bonar Law, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, speaking at a mass meeting at South Shields yesterday, quoted the increases of the exports of Great Britain to the United States and Germany, compared with those of 1880 and 1890.

Ours, he said, had increased by only 1½ per cent., while the increase of population had been 15 per cent.

Fiscal reform, he continued, was indispensable in the interests of the workers and of the nation.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S PROPOSALS.

CAUSE CONTRACTION OF TRADE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Lord Crewe (Liberal), speaking at Newcastle yesterday, said that Mr. Chamberlain's preferential trade proposals would contract the volume of trade. Hence, if there were fewer imports, and fewer exports to pay for them, therefore there would be less employment.

ROYALTIES ON IRON ORE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Mr Chamberlain, in reply to a correspondent, says that most of the large steel smelters of Great Britain own the freehold of their mines, and do not pay royalties, but where royalties are paid these form an insignificant proportion of the cost of iron.

PROTECTION OF BRITISH TRADE.

SPEECH BY SIR J. G. WARD.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Monday.

Sir J. G. Ward, Colonial Secretary, in the course of a speech delivered at the Bluff, expressed the hope that in the great commercial movement now taking place throughout the Empire all classes of opinion would view the matter impartially, and try to form a calm, dispassionate judgment completely apart from any political considerations. Personally he believed that in the changes going on throughout the world it was necessary that we should make a strong effort to protect our trade within our dominions, and so induce our competitors to make overtures to us with a view to the development of our trade.

POSTAL RECIPROCITY.

LONDON, Dec. 7.

Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has suggested to M. Trouillot, the French Minister for Commerce, Industry, Posts and Telegraphs, that letters from England for France and from France for England should each be stamped in accordance with the inland rate of the country despatching them. M. Trouillot said that he was favourable to that being done if Great Britain proposed it.

THE BATTLE IN NEW ENGLAND.

A CLOSE CONTEST EXPECTED.

MR. LONSDALE'S PROSPECTS IMPROVING.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

ARMIDALE, Tuesday.

The contest in New England, where Mr. Lonsdale, a consistent freetrader, is fighting Mr. Sawers, the late member, who is a declared protectionist, will be a close one. It is difficult to forecast the issue with any degree of accuracy, as the last time there were three candidates in the field Mr. Lonsdale represented Armidale in the State Parliament as an Oppositionist, and threw up a sure seat in his desire to fight the battle for freetrade, and give the electors of New England the opportunity to show their disapproval of the protectionist-cum-Victorian policy of the Federal Government. Mr. Sawers supported the Government through thick and thin, and despite protestations at the last election that the fiscal issue should be sunk, did his best to assist in placing the tariff burden upon the people. The electors of New South Wales, who have felt the weight of the tariff pressing upon their shoulders and know how the State has been flouted in regard to the capital site and other questions, are not likely to forget these things on December 16 when called upon to record their votes. Mr. Sawers at the last election beat Mr. Lonsdale in a 9000 vote by 18. The candidature of Mr. Simpson, who began the election practically as a freetrader and finished fiscally no one knew exactly where, made the fight a three-cornered one, and complicated the issue. Mr. Simpson polled 845 votes on that occasion, 238 of which were secured at Glen Innes. Mr. Sawers polled 4063, and Mr. Lonsdale 3555. The freetraders have therefore every reason to be hopeful of the issue. The electorate embraces the State electorates of Quirindi, Tamworth, Uralla, Walcha, Armidale, and Glen Innes, and parts of Singara, covering a wide area. An examination of the voting at the last election shows that Mr. Sawers had a majority of 214 in Tamworth, the figures being: Mr. Sawers 573, Mr. Lonsdale 387. At Glen Innes Mr. Sawers polled 230, Mr. Lonsdale 155. While Mr. Simpson obtained 238 at Armidale in a poll of 925, Mr. Lonsdale had a majority of 59, and also majorities in Uralla, Manilla, Tingha, Quirindi, Walcha. Mr. Sawers was at the last election the State member for Tamworth, and Mr. Lonsdale was almost unknown to some of his supporters. He is gaining ground at Tamworth and many other places where Mr. Sawers formerly had majorities.

There being no third candidate, the fight is a straight-out one between freetrade and protection. The women's vote, however, is regarded as an uncertain factor, but the undeniable effects of the tariff, which Mr. Sawers helped the Government to impose on New South Wales, has been felt most keenly by the women, owing to the enormously increased cost of living. Therefore the freetraders believe they will go solid for Mr. Lonsdale. Should this be the case, he may count the battle as his. Mr. Sawers is well known throughout the electorate, and popular. It is fairly certain, therefore, that on personal grounds alone he would not be beaten, but Mr. Lonsdale is keeping the issue of freetrade versus protection well before the electors, and his supporters feel confident that on that ground he will gain many votes. The subsequent attitude of the Government to the Labour party is not forgotten by the electors of New England, and this should throw considerable weight on Mr. Lonsdale's side. Another factor to be reckoned with is that the State electorates of Tamworth and Glen Innes have changed their allegiance from the Government to Opposition, and as the members of the present State Government have shown themselves partisans of the Federal Government and the policy of protection, notably with regard to the defection of Dr. Mackellar, this should be an indication of the result of the contest.

The protectionists of course are rallying round Mr. Sawers, and working the "fiscal peace" cry, bracketed with "preferential trade," for all it is worth, which, however, the electors appear to think is not a great deal. They refuse to regard the preferential trade proposals as within the range of practical politics, pointing out that Mr. Chamberlain speaks on behalf of no Government. Moreover it is pointed out that the Federal Government has as yet given no really definite indication of its attitude on the question. Mr. Sawers returned to Armidale to-day, after touring the Quirindi district. He reports having received promises of good support. He also states that at Tamworth men who formerly supported Mr. Simpson are giving him assistance, working well on his behalf. He is confident of success.

Mr. Lonsdale, who is at present in the Uralla-Walcha portion of the electorate, reports having had good meetings and splendid support all round. Remembering that the last election was a triumphant fight, that the electors accepted the Maitland assurances of Sir E. Barton and party that the tariff would be moderate, and were shamefully deceived, that the protectionist representatives of New South Wales have not been loyal to her as a State, but have allowed Victoria to dominate them, there seems to be great hope for the freetrade cause. Mr. Lonsdale is making himself popular wherever he goes in the electorate, although he is fighting the issue on principles, and not on personality. There is a silent vote in the larger towns which it is difficult to gauge, but the freetraders believe that Mr. Lonsdale will obtain the larger share of it. The vote of the women is the great uncertain element, and if, as the freetraders have reason to believe, it goes for Mr. Lonsdale he will be returned. No effort should be spared to win the seat for the cause of freetrade, and if one or two leading men could give assistance by visiting the electorate between this and the 16th there can be little doubt that one seat at any rate would be secured for freetrade, and a strong protest would be thus raised against the attempts made to injure New South Wales by Victorian domination.

Encouraging reports continue to be received by Mr. Lonsdale's supporters here. Intelligence to hand to-night is that a strong committee has been formed at Howell, and loyal support promised. The prospects of the freetrade candidate are very encouraging in the Tamworth portion of the electorate, where it is believed Mr. Lonsdale will poll more heavily than at the last election. On that occasion Mr. Sawers, as already stated, scored a majority, especially in the town of Tamworth; hence this is looked upon as a sign of steady progress being made by the freetrade cause.

The treatment meted out by the Commonwealth authorities to Stelling, of Newcastle, as a prohibited immigrant, as published in the "Sydney Morning Herald" yesterday, has caused much indignation and adverse comments here. Several electors have openly stated they will refuse to vote for a candidate who will support the Government responsible for framing such an Act, or of administering it in such a hard and cruel manner.

QUEENSLAND.

NORTH QUEENSLAND BANANA PLANTATIONS.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Mr. Maclean, Agricultural Adviser to the Government, returned to Townsville yesterday from a visit to the banana plantations of the Geraldton and Cairns districts. He spent a week in the Geraldton district, where he found the fruit fly pest rather severe, though not so bad as in the Cairns district.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations were:—Chillagoe Debentures, b £70; Queensland National Bank, b 11s 10d, a 12s, sales 12s; Queensland Trustee, a 3s 3d.

THE ELECTIONS.

HOW THE CAMPAIGN GOES.

A DANGER.

This day week the elections take place. There is a danger lest electors should not record their votes—and that is the only danger ahead of the return of a large majority opposed to the present Ministry. The danger is increased here by the fact that election day has been declared a holiday in New South Wales, and individual electors may be inclined to think that their votes are not required. Every vote is required in every electorate.

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What! In North Sydney, for instance, where Mr. Dugald Thomson has been returned unopposed? Certainly. There are the candidates for the Senate to be voted for—Messrs. Gray, Neild, and Pulsford. Nothing short of absolute incapacity should be held to excuse an elector who does not spare time to record his vote for these three. Besides, there is the referendum. Everybody should attend the polling booth and vote for the reduction of State members to 90, since no opportunity is given at present of further reduction.

ELECTORS IN DOUBT.

Mr. W. E. Abbott, in a letter just received, voices the difficulty of electors who are in favour of preferential trade and who are at a loss to know how to cast their vote so as to bring their views within the range of practical politics. Some of these electors are inclined to think that the best thing for them to do is to refrain from voting—to disfranchise themselves. Mr. Abbott, who is in favour of preferential trade, says No. "Our only course," he says, "is to vote for the men who are pledged to oppose the

strenuous advocates for the black labour were Sir John Forrest and Sir Philip Fysh. If there has been a volte face on this matter it is on the part of these two present Ministers, who were then violently on the other side. Even if the facts were as stated by Mr. Watson in reference to Mr. Reid, the distinction would still require, in all fairness, to be made between asking the Imperial Government to agree to our view and disrupting the whole mail relations of the Empire if they did not. I am, etc.,

Windsor, Dec. 8. JOSEPH COOK.

In the present election contest there are loud cries for the leaders of parties to travel round the constituencies and speak on behalf of candidates. Mr. Deakin has spoken in three States already—New South Wales, Victoria, and Queensland—and a request has been made to him to repeat his visit to this State. This request, however, he declines to grant. One visit, he thinks, is enough for New South Wales. Mr. Reid has travelled already in the west, the north, and the midlands, urging the claims of candidates, in addition to addresses delivered in Victoria before the Federal campaign proper commenced. Still the cry is for his assistance everywhere. If he had time to go to the Cowper he could do good service, the electors of the Darling would be much obliged if he would go thither and speak on behalf of Mr. Acton, and suburban candidates would also like to monopolise his time.

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Mr. Reid has, however, decided to devote the next two evenings to his own electorate, which has been sadly neglected while he has been in the country and elsewhere. To-night he will address two meetings of his own constituents—the first in the Belmore State Division, at the Cave of Dunmore Hotel, Macquarie-street South and Reservoir-street, beginning at 8 o'clock, and the next at Ryan's Quarantine Hotel, Devonshire and Waterloo streets. To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock he will deliver an address at the Green Park Hotel, Liverpool and Victoria streets, Darlinghurst, and at 9 o'clock at the Austral Hotel, Bourke and Foveaux streets.

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On Friday evening Mr. Reid will leave for Cootamundra, for the purpose of delivering an address there on Saturday. Before going, however, he will give a short speech in the Newtown Town Hall on behalf of the selected freetrade candidate for Lang Division, then he will rush to the train and embark for Cootamundra. His time is therefore fully occupied.

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A meeting of Mr. Reid's general committee for East Sydney was held at the Freetrade committee rooms yesterday. For organisation purposes the electorate was divided into six divisions, corresponding to the State electorates, and chairmen were chosen as follows to take charge of the respective divisions:—King, Mr. H. Parr; Fitzroy and Bligh, Mr. J. A. Carroll; Flinders, Mr. F. J. Ironsides; Belmore, Sir James Graham; and Cook, Mr. S. T. Whiddon, M.L.A. These gentlemen will co-operate with the general hon. secretaries to the committee in the conduct of the election.

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Senator Neild was in town yesterday for the first time since his illness. He will now make arrangements for addressing a few meetings. He is billed to speak at North Sydney on Friday night, and at Lithgow on Saturday.

Senator Gould leaves for Junee on Sunday night, and it is expected he will speak at Wagga on Tuesday night—the night before the poll.

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Mr. R. D. Barton, the Ministerial candidate for Gwydir, at a meeting at Walgett made a remark, so our correspondent informs us, to the effect that he had no wish to go to the poll, as he knew he would be defeated if both he and Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow stood, but in deference to the wish of his supporters he could not retire. It has been patent for some time past that the fight in the Gwydir really lay between the freetrade and labour candidates, but attempts were made to shuffle the political cards so as to secure the retirement of the freetrader. It now appears that Mr. Barton is candid enough to admit that he has no chance of winning, but his supporters prefer that he should go to the poll, and so split the votes of those opposed to the labour candidate. This is, of course, merely on a par with the general policy of the Government.

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In the Commonwealth Electoral Act there is no section providing for retirement of candidates after nomination day, but if a candidate desires to retire he can only do so unofficially, by requesting his supporters not to give him any votes.

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As indicated in our advertising columns, Mr. Arthur Griffith, the senatorial Labour candidate, has started on a northern tour, speaking at Singleton to-night, at Muswellbrook on Thursday, Tamworth on Friday, Armidale on Saturday, and Glen Innes on Monday.

MR. REID AT WOOLLOOMOOLOO.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

INTERJECTORS SILENCED.

Last night Mr. G. H. Reid, the leader of the Federal Opposition, continued his electoral campaign by addressing a meeting of about 1000 persons at the President Lincoln Hotel, at the corner of Forbes and Woolloomooloo streets. Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A., occupied the chair.

Mr. Reid who was received with great applause, said that there always came a time when a man was told that he had outlived his usefulness. For 23 years, with only one break, he had represented East Sydney, but if they thought that he had ceased to be of value—well, he was getting a bit old, but he thought there was still a fight left in him. (Laughter and applause.) If they showed their continued confidence in him by re-electing him he would be only too proud. It would, he admitted, be a bitter disappointment to him if they did not continue the confidence they had reposed in him for so long.

A voice: No danger, George. (Cheers.)

Mr. Reid continued that the electors should bear in mind that just as it was desirable to have an able Government, it was desirable to have a vigilant and able Opposition. They might be sure that Mr. Deakin would be strong enough with his Victorian phalanx. Mr. Deakin had 19 out of the 23 Victorian members, but he was not satisfied, and wanted to wipe out his (Mr. Reid's) one or two. (Laughter.) That meant that his supporters in New South Wales would have to stick closer to him. (Cheers.) Mr. Reid proceeded that he did not complain of the two gentlemen who were contesting the electorate. He made a start himself once, but were the electors going to throw the old horse over or give him another run?

Voices: Another run. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Reid continued that if they did he would endeavour to make the Government do their duty. (Cheers.) If they measured the work of the Federal Parliament by quantity there was no doubt that there was a lot done, but the Opposition deserved the credit of improving the measures considerably. The first measure he would deal with was the Immigration Restriction Act. On the vital point of putting into the bill in plain black and white that we would not tolerate the introduction of coloured races into Australia, he had stood side by side with Mr. Watson. When he was Premier of this State he had tried to pass a bill with a similar object, but he had not the support of the other Australian Governments, so he had to take what he could get, the education test, believing that when we were united we would be strong enough to say plainly and distinctly that we were not going to allow coloured races to enter Australia.

A voice: What about the "Chows" you put on the roll?

Mr. Reid said he did not employ Dhuleep Singh to drive his dogcart. (Laughter and cheers.) He had never employed any coloured labour in his life, and the man who said he had must be a bit of a "Chow" himself. (Laughter and Hear, hear.) He supposed that the fact that he had been briefed to appear in some Chinese cases led to the interjection, but they paid him thumping good fees—(laughter)—and he did not suppose anyone would push it so far as to say that a Chinaman could not employ a barrister. (Hear, hear.) While he was strongly in favour of a white Australia, he did not want to make us contemptible and ridiculous in the eyes of the whole world. But what had happened at Newcastle the other day? A German, who was second mate of a vessel, was sent to gaol for six months, and as soon as he was liberated he was re-arrested for being in Australia. The man knew English, French, and German, but the Customs officer said that as he was born in Egypt he would give him a lesson in Greek, as Greece was the nearest European country. Now the unhappy man was sent to gaol again for not knowing the Greek language. (Laughter, and "Shame.")

A voice: Quite right, too.

Mr. Reid replied that they were not true democrats who applauded that sort of thing; they would be the biggest tyrants in the world if they could. (Hear, hear.) Surely this great democracy could afford to be fair and human. Then again the secretary for the Prime Minister told the agents of a vessel that was wrecked off the coast of Victoria that if the crew, which was composed of coloured men, landed, they would be liable to a fine of £100 on each man.

A voice: Quite right, too.

Mr. Reid: If there is a man here who would not allow those poor creatures to land I tell him I should be insulted if he gave me a vote. (Loud cheers.) He would feel degraded at getting a vote from such a man. While he believed in keeping the coloured races out he did not believe in shutting the door in the face of our own kith and kin. (Cheers.)

A voice: Give us your policy.

Mr. Reid retorted that he was giving them his policy, which consisted to a large extent in putting right what the Government had done. (Cheers.)

The voice: Oh, you want your £8 a week.

Mr. Reid said that at the rate he was paid elsewhere for his time he was dirt cheap for the money. (Laughter and cheers.) Mr. Deakin had said that what this country wanted was population, but his policy was to keep population out.

An interjector: What about sand-shifting?

Mr. Reid was glad the interjection was made, as it afforded him an opportunity to explain what he had done. It was one of the best acts of his life. (Hear, hear.) At a time when he had very little money to spare and there was a great amount of distress, as he could not employ the men at daily wages he gave them three days' work a week to earn food for their wives and children. (Cheers.) He thought that legislation was necessary to prevent men being brought to Australia by deception or to interfere with a strike, but there was no sense in shutting up the country against our fellow country men. Neither did he believe in preventing our fellow British subjects, coloured though they might be, from being employed on the oceans of the world. Yet the men who made such a strong point of Imperial unity and loyalty to the mother country, not only wanted to prevent coloured men from working in the stokeholes of the steamers, but were proposing a law to interfere with the liberty of British ships manned by white British sailors. He (Mr. Reid) believed in giving them the same latitude in trading on our coasts as we had on the coasts of the mother country. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. Reid was warmly cheered when he denounced the attitude of the Labour party in regard to the difranchisement of tens of thousands of electors by the gerrymandering tactics of the Government. He claimed that he had made the Customs tariff of New South Wales the lightest in the world, and in his time our ports were crowded with shipping. At Mort's Dock alone 2000 men were kept busily employed, but after the imposition of this tariff, which had made everything artificially dear, the docks of Sydney had been strangled, and only one-half the number of men were working. (Hear, hear.) If they wanted heavy taxation they should vote for Mr. Peel or Mr. Thrower, if they wanted a fair adjustment of the burden they would vote for him. (Cheers, and cries, "We will.")

A vote of confidence in Mr. Reid was carried by an overwhelming majority, and the meeting concluded with three cheers for the King and the leader of the Opposition.

EAST SYDNEY.

MR. PEEL'S CANDIDATURE.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE TO THE RESCUE.

The selected Ministerial candidate, Mr. Francis Robert Peel, held an open-air meeting in Albion-street, Surry Hills, last night. Despite the fact that it was announced that the Minister for Defence (Mr. Austin Chapman) would speak in support of the Government's nominee, the audience did not number over a hundred people, and a considerable percentage of these were juveniles.

Mr. Peel was the first to address the gathering, and he devoted a good deal of his speech to abusing the Sydney daily press. He complained about "persecution" and of being held up to ridicule, but his limited audience did not bestow upon him that sympathy which he was apparently seeking for. He announced himself as a vigorous supporter of the Government policy of preferential trade and fiscal peace. "Do not be led away by blithering clowns like Mr. Reid, who was a blot upon New South Wales," he said in conclusion, "but stand forth in the shining light of preferential trade."

Mr. Chapman received a quiet hearing. He also had some remarks to offer regarding the "wickedness" of the Sydney press, and then passed on to the subject of preferential trade, which he asked the electors to consider as the one great national problem before them. It was not a new policy, in other countries it was known as reciprocity. Once Mr. Reid got into power he would take some of the protectionist duties off, but increase the revenue duties, and they would find on examination that the revenue duties were the ones that proved most objectionable to the people. The tariff was a compromise, and should not be altered until they had gained more experience as to its working. That was why he favoured fiscal peace.

"Your policy is a paradox—an impossibility," a gentleman cried out, but the pertinent interruption was ignored. Mr. Chapman at this juncture hurried away to address a meeting in support of Dr. Warren in South Sydney. He was accorded a cheer as he departed.

Mr. J. T. Cunneen, a Ministerial candidate for the Senate, spoke briefly for Mr. Peel, after which a motion of confidence, proposed and seconded by ladies, was submitted to the meeting by another lady who presided. About 20 hands were held up in favour and the motion was declared carried. Before separating loud cheers were given for Mr. George Reid.

MR. THROWER'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. T. H. Thrower, the selected Labour candidate, addressed a meeting last evening at the corner of Liverpool and Yurong streets. Mr. J. E. Birt presided. Mr. Thrower was accorded a vote of confidence.

LANG.

WOMEN'S LIBERAL LEAGUE.

A meeting of the Women's Liberal League was held in the Excelsior Hall, Marrickville, on Monday, for the purpose of hearing addresses from Mr. W. E. Johnson, the selected freetrade candidate for the Lang electorate, and from Senator E. D. Millen and Mr. R. W. W. M'Coy, M.L.A. There was a large attendance of ladies. The chair was occupied by Mr. Copeland Bennett.

Mr. Johnson was the first speaker, and he maintained that he had an indefeasible right to the support and vote of every conscientious freetrader, whether man or woman, in the electorate. He then detailed the circumstances connected with his candidature, and resumed his seat amid considerable applause.

Senator Millen said Sir William Lyne had laid it down that their proceedings should be conducted on a high plane of political ethics, but the present Government, in spite of this, were acting on very different lines. Let them go back three years, and it would be seen that the talk then was all about peace, mutual concessions, and a compromise in the interest of Australia, and yet Sir Edmund Barton, in face of his former pledges, not long before he retired, declared that he was inaugurating a protectionist campaign. The same might be said of Mr. R. E. O'Connor, who had been elected to the Senate chiefly through his promises and the assistance of the freetrade vote, but his going over to the other side had reduced a majority in the Senate from six to four. At the present time the same class of legislation was being attempted under the cry of fiscal peace and preferential trade. This meant more protection. (Applause.) The people would never be satisfied with protection, and there would be no peace under preferential trade, which was only protection in disguise. One of the arguments in favour of preferential trade was the supposed decline of the commerce of Britain. Mr. Wise to prove the supposed decline took an exceptional year, 1872, and desired to make out that there was a falling-off of 8½ per cent. But what was the position? During the 30 years since 1872 there had been an increase of 30 per cent. Mr. Wise should have put the matter before the people in an honest way. (Applause.) Mr. Wise was simply trying to find a short road to the side of protection. (Hear, hear.) He could hardly turn round and call himself a protectionist, so he tried to enter by the side issue of a preferential scheme. His motives were apparent, and he could not complain of political dishonesty being imputed to him, for he himself was always endeavouring to impute unworthy motives to Mr. Reid. (Applause.)

Mr. R. W. W. M'Coy, M.L.A., spoke on the question of the referendum, and urged the electors to vote for 90 members.

A vote of confidence in Mr. Johnson was carried.

WENTWORTH.

MR. KELLY'S CANDIDATURE.

Mr. W. H. Kelly, the freetrade candidate, addressed two large meetings in the Randwick division of the electorate last night. The first was at Kensington, at 7.15, where a vote of confidence was carried unanimously; and afterwards, at 8.15, at the Randwick Town Hall. Mr. R. T. Ball occupied the chair at Randwick. Senator Neild moved that Mr. Kelly was a fit and proper person to represent the electorate of Wentworth. The motion was seconded by Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., supported by Mr. C. W. Oakes, M.L.A., and carried unanimously. A unanimous vote was also recorded for the selected freetrade candidates for the Senate. Sir James Graham addressed the meeting.

WEST SYDNEY.

DR. WARREN'S CANDIDATURE.

Dr. W. Edward Warren, Ministerial candidate, addressed the electors at Crowe's American Hotel, Athlone-place, last evening. Mr. E. Ryan, J.P., presided.

DALLEY.

MR. W. H. WILKS'S CANDIDATURE.

Last night Mr. W. H. Wilks, the selected freetrade and liberal candidate for Dalley, addressed a large meeting of the electors of the Balmain North Division from Williams' balcony, Beattie-street. The candidate said that the Deakin Government was flying a double-sided pirate flag, with fiscal peace on one side and preferential trade on the other; and with this they were trying to delude the voters. The genuineness of the Government's cry about patriotism and loyalty could be tested by their loyalty to New South Wales in connection with the Federal capital site. Before they talked of loyalty the Government should be decently honest in matters of Commonwealth concern. On fiscal matters, the members of the Government were mere apologists, and sought to escape punishment from the electors under the screen of preferential trade. A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

PARRAMATTA.

It is reported that an effort is to be made to induce Mr. Dowell O'Reilly to contest the Parramatta seat in the State Parliament. Mr. O'Reilly formerly represented this electorate.

THE HUNTER.

MUSWELLBROOK, Tuesday.

Senator Drake addressed a very large gathering of electors of both sexes in the School of Arts last night, in support of Mr. Waller, the Ministerial candidate. The Federal Attorney-General explained the nature of the work done by the Commonwealth Parliament, contending that good progress had been made, considering the obstacles that had to be overcome. He referred at length to the present policy of the Deakin Government, and gave an explanation of preferential trade. Senator Drake was most attentively listened to, and frequently applauded.

Mr. Waller then addressed the meeting, and a vote of confidence in him was declared carried, but large numbers did not vote either way. The Mayor (Alderman J. E. M'Intyre) presided.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

Senator Drake, Mr. Nathaniel Collins (Senate candidate), and Mr. J. H. F. Waller (the candidate for the Hunter) addressed a large meeting in the Town Hall to-night, and were well received.

CANOBLAS.

FORBES, Tuesday.

Mr. T. Brown, who was returned unopposed as member for Canoblas in the House of Representatives, addressed a public meeting last night in the Town Hall, about 200 persons being present. The Mayor (Alderman A. D. H. Nelson) occupied the chair.

Mr. Brown, after thanking them for his unopposed return, said that he considered that this electorate was bound to furnish an Opposition member. He was now a more ardent freetrader than ever, and without making any extravagant promises he hoped that at the end of the term all would be satisfied. While the power of the Senate was limited, it had to deal with a wide and important issue, and they would make a mistake if they forgot this. As this was the first occasion ladies had the high honour of citizenship, he hoped they would record their votes. They could only make a mistake by not so doing.

COWPER.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

Mr. Francis Clarke, Ministerialist, opened his campaign on the Clarence River by an address at South Grafton to-night. Two hundred electors were present. The Mayor presided. Mr. Clarke had a good hearing. He defended the Federal tariff, approved of preferential trade, and favoured Bombala as the capital site.

RICHMOND.

CASINO, Tuesday.

Mr. T. T. Ewing, the Ministerial candidate, addressed a large meeting here last night, and received a unanimous vote of confidence.

BARRIER.

WILCANNIA, Tuesday.

Mr. Josiah Thomas, the labour candidate, spoke here last night, and was well received. A vote of confidence in him was passed.

DARLING.

GILGANDRA, Tuesday.

Mr. D. B. Acton, the freetrade candidate, addressed a meeting in the Coronation Hall last night, and was well received. He declared himself a straight-out freetrader. This was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting ever held here.

GWYDIR.

WALGETT, Tuesday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Onslow, the freetrade candidate, addressed a meeting of electors here last night, Mr. M. Kennett presiding. The candidate accused the Federal Ministry of breaches of faith. A vote of thanks to him was carried.

HUME.

HOWLONG, Tuesday.

Mr. F. E. M'Lean, the freetrade candidate, addressed the electors here last night in the Mechanics' Institute. Mr. W. Murdoch presided. There was a large attendance, including numbers of ladies. In the course of his address he pointed out that the farmers gained nothing by protection, and also showed what they lost by it.

A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

THE STATE ROLLS.

At Revision Courts, presided over by Mr. T. E. MacNevin, S.M., the Parramatta, Granville, and Sherbrooke rolls were dealt with. In the case of Granville 267 names were taken off and 111 added; in the Parramatta electorate 107 names were taken off and 68 added; while in Sherbrooke 126 names were taken off and 55 added.

POLLING-PLACES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Returning officers have been instructed to advertise the various polling places in two local cases not later than Monday next. The names of candidates for each electorate will be announced at the same time.

ELECTORAL ROLLS.

The electoral authorities intimated to-day that the printing of the rolls had been completed in all the States.

SECTARIANISM (?) IN WENTWORTH.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—As the freetrade candidate's opponents in the Wentworth electorate have not hesitated to unfairly use the fact that he has accepted the support of the A.P.D.A. to try to alienate from him the sympathy of anti-sectarians of all denominations, I would now ask the assistance of your columns to explain how Mr. W. H. Kelly came to be given that support. The A.P.D.A., as everyone knows, is (some may say mistakenly) of the opinion that the Roman Catholic Church and people are doing their wonderful organisation for the purpose of seeking undue advantages at the hands of the State; and it consequently decided to support at election times only such candidates who would, by subscribing to the following questions, declare themselves in favour of equal liberties, equal rights, civil and otherwise, for all denominations. In pursuance of this determination the A.P.D.A. put the following six test questions to the selected freetrade candidate (my Wentworth); and, on receiving his affirmative reply, decided to support his candidature. And furthermore, I might add, that at this time Mr. W. H. Kelly was already the selected freetrade candidate. The following are the six test questions of the L.O.L. and A.P.D.A.:—

1. Will you support any measure that may be introduced to abolish absolutely State aid in any form to denominational institutions?

2. Will you do your best to maintain the general principles of the existing laws on education which obtain in the Public Schools Act of this State?

3. Will you support any measure that may be introduced to provide that all industries, farms, and factories where labour is employed shall be subject to Government inspection, and made to conform to the provisions of the Factories Act?

4. Will you support a measure for the more effectual preservation of the Sabbath as a day of rest and Divine worship?

5. Will you endeavour to obtain a fair and equitable distribution of patronage and employment in the Public Service to persons of all denominations?

6. Will you support the settlement of the question of ecclesiastical precedence at State official functions on the principle of priority being given to the churches in the order of their numerical strength?

As will readily be seen, there is nothing in any one of these questions prejudicial to the civil or religious rights of any denomination. In fact, Mr. W. H. Kelly was asked, by these questions, whether he favoured equal rights for all people, never mind to what denomination they might belong; and, as was only to be expected from a broadminded public man, Mr Kelly answered in the affirmative.

Now, Sir, whom would an unbiassed public tar with the sectarian brush?—Mr. Kelly, the freetrade candidate, who believes in equal rights for all denominations, or Mr. J. R. Dalley, who, because he fears he might thereby lose a certain support, will not declare himself.

I am, etc.,

C. CHANDLER.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

PATENTS COMMISSIONER.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

It is probable that the position of Commonwealth Patents Commissioner will be advertised towards the end of the week. The salary for the post is to be £800.

NAVAL CADETS.

The Governor-General has received copies of the regulations dealing with the admission of cadets to the Royal Navy. Under the new naval agreement Australia can have eight entered and New Zealand two. The boys must be descended from naturalborn or naturalised British subjects of European blood. When between 12 and 13 years of age the candidates will have to pass a qualifying examination in Australia or New Zealand, the papers including elementary subjects, Latin, either French or German, and minor mathematics. Those who are most successful will undergo four years' training at the English Naval College at Osborne. Three years will then be spent at sea, after which the Naval College will again be entered in order to qualify as sub-lieutenants. Nominations will probably be endorsed by the Governor-General, and parents will be able to secure preference for their sons by expressing a wish to have them trained for either the executive, engineers, or Royal Marine branch of the service.

PERSONAL.

Mr. T. Coggan, 83, of Jugiong, died on Monday. He had resided near Jugiong, where he followed agricultural and pastoral pursuits, for nearly 50 years. Deceased leaves four sons and one daughter.

Our Melbourne correspondent telegraphs:—"Mr. Hector M'Lennan has resigned his position as one of the managers of the Howard Smith Company, Limited. It is also his intention to resign from the directorate at an early date."

In the council chambers, Gulgong, on Monday night, Mr. R. Rouse, of Birrugunbil, on behalf of the subscribers, presented the Rev. F. Haviland with an address and purse of sovereigns as a token of respect from members of all sects in the town and district. Mr. Haviland has been promoted to Bourke as Archdeacon.

Mr. Edward Macfarlane, J.P., Acting Under-Secretary for Lands, took his seat on the Hyde Park Trust yesterday afternoon for the first time, and was congratulated by Dr. Norton, and Messrs. Michael Chapman and E. C. V. Broughton, M.L.A., on his appointment.

The Premier, Sir John See, who has been at his mountain residence at Wentworth Falls since Friday last, will not return to the city until the current week end. Sir John's medical advisers have strongly recommended that, after the arduous work of the session, his health demands at least a week's complete rest. Sir John has already benefited considerably by the change.

At last night's meeting of the Balmain Council a communication was received from the executors of the estate of the late Captain Howntree, offering a life-size photograph of the deceased, which it was decided should be placed in the council-chambers. It was stated that the late Captain Howntree had been an alderman of the borough for several years, and had for three years occupied the mayoral chair. The council decided to accept the gift.

The late Mrs. Rees Jones, of Tasmas Station, near Yass, was a colonist of very long standing, having landed with her parents and their family in Sydney early in 1854. In 1838 she married the late Mr. Rees Jones, and in the forties shared with him many dangers and vicissitudes of pioneering life. Nearly 56 years ago they went to Yass, where Mrs. Jones had lived ever since, the last 43 at Tasmas with her son, Mr. Hamlyn Rees Jones. She retained her faculties to the last. She was a woman of wide sympathy and intelligence, and took a great interest in social and political matters. She was in her 94th year.

The aldermen of the City Council met in the Lord Mayor's room yesterday afternoon and presented the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress with two handsome pieces of plate, suitably inscribed. Alderman Ralston made the presentation, and referred to the many excellent qualities of the recipients. The Lord Mayor, in acknowledging the gifts, spoke of the kindly relations which had always existed between the members of the council. There had been occasional differences of opinion, but in the main they were for the general good of the citizens. The Lady Mayoress had shared his responsibilities of office in a cheerful and generous manner. Subsequently, over a glass of wine, Alderman Watkins, in toasting the health of the retiring Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, added that the Lord Mayor, while maintaining the dignity of his office had been most urbane to the aldermen, who were unanimous in making the presentation. The Lady Mayoress had been a thorough helpmate to the Lord Mayor in carrying out the duties appertaining to her office, and had shown a benevolent and charitable disposition. The Lord Mayor acknowledged the toast, and Master Geoffrey Hughes, replying for the Lady Mayoress, said, "Mr. Watkins and gentlemen, I thank you very much for mother."

GOVERNOR-GENERAL AT ADELAIDE.

CORDIAL WELCOME BY THE PUBLIC.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

The Governor-General and Lady Tennyson arrived from Melbourne by express this morning. There was a large crowd in the vicinity of the railway station, and their Excellencies received a cordial greeting when they stepped from the train. The portion of the platform alongside which the vice-regal car was drawn up was adorned with ferns, palms, and beautiful pot plants. The party on the platform included the State Governor (Sir George Le Hunte), the Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Way, the Premier and members of the Ministry, the Mayor (Alderman Cohen), Bishop Harmer, and many prominent citizens and their wives. A guard of honour of the 10th Infantry Regiment, under Lieutenant Bannigan, was drawn up. Subsequently the Hons. Lionel, Aubrey, and Harold Tennyson, accompanied by their tutor, Mr. E. S. Jose, planted three trees in the Adelaide oval. They were met by the president of the Cricket Association, Sir Edwin Smith, and members of the committee. The boys used the same spade as was employed by the Prince and Princess of Wales and Lord and Lady Tennyson for a similar purpose.

STATE PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day, the Premier said he thought it would be inadvisable to adjourn over the federal elections day, in view of the facilities offered for voting by post. Sir Alexander Peacock then made a statement in reference to the charge of alleged attempted bribery of a member, the report of which will be found elsewhere. After the matter was ended, the House was put into committee on the Redistribution of Seats Bill.

All the metropolitan divisions, 20 in number, were agreed to without amendment, the Government successfully resisting all proposals with that object. Three urban divisions were also adopted and progress reported. The House then adjourned.

In the Legislative Council a number of minor measures were passed all their stages without discussion, but the Hepburn Springs Bill provoked considerable criticism, several members objecting strongly to the public having to pay for mineral waters. On the other hand it was pointed out that the lessees would greatly improve the locality, and the public rights would be safeguarded. Ultimately the bill was passed all stages, and the House adjourned.

INTERNATIONAL CRICKET.

THE TEST MATCH.

General opinion yesterday was in favour of the team chosen for the first test match. Saunders and Armstrong arrived from Melbourne yesterday, and at the conclusion of the interstate contest, in company with other members of the eleven, had a good time at he nets.

The Englishmen, at least the majority of them, also indulged in practice yesterday afternoon. Lilley, Braund, Arnold, and Relf were the absentees.

The umpires have been practically appointed. They are R. Crockett and A. C. Jones (who officiated in the engagement just concluded). The names have yet to be approved by the executive committee of the N.S.W.C.A.

CHALLENGE CUP TO BE OFFERED.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A few days ago the suggestion was thrown out by Mr. J. M. Christie in a letter to the press that there should be a gold cup for competition between England and Australia in cricket. The suggestion met with the favour of a prominent city man, who promises to provide a trophy valued at about 250gs. The trophy will probably take the form of a casket containing a scroll, upon which can be inscribed from time to time the results of all test matches played.

VICTORIA.

RAILWAY RETURNS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The comparative railway returns from July 1 to December show a decrease in the revenue for 1903 of £54,668, compared with 1902.

THE UNIVERSITY'S FINANCES.

At a meeting of the University Council yesterday, it was agreed that the £500 offered by the Government towards the maintenance of the Electrical Engineering School was totally inadequate. Professor Allen said the council ought at every opportunity to bring the main position of the University before the Government. There was a debt of £35,000, on which interest had to be paid, and the Government grant had been reduced by £3750 a year. Three-fourths of the financial trouble was due to the reduction of the grant.

THE N.S.W. BOWLERS.

A match was played at Albert Park to-day between the New South Wales bowling team and representatives of the local club. Albert Park won by 105 points to the visitors' 69. A match was also played between teams representing Ashfield (Sydney) Ladies' Club and Albert Park Ladies' Club. The latter won by 33 points to 11.

THE WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales to-day the selection offered was large and attractive, and the improved demand noticeable during the last few days was again in evidence.

The Full Court to-day commenced the hearing of an appeal by David Syme, proprietor of the "Age," for a new trial in the case of M'Culloch v. Syme, in which plaintiff, formerly a reporter on the "Age," was awarded £s damages for libel and £99 for wrongful dismissal.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

THE TIMBER TRADE DISPUTE.

SOME MEN RESUME WORK.

PERTH, Tuesday.

The timber trade dispute is still unsettled. The conference between Messrs. Smith and Temperley, representing Millar's Karri and Jarrah Company, and delegates from the men at the mills was resumed this morning. Messrs. Smith and Temperley submitted a proposal to the employee delegates with a view to effecting a settlement. These proposals provided for a system of grading the wages of the employees, so as to bring about a slight increase on the aggregate of the Arbitration Court award. The delegates left for the mills during the evening, for the purpose of laying the employers' proposals before the men to-night. It is generally anticipated that the delegates and others will induce the men to accept the proposed terms of settlement. The general executive of the Amalgamated Workers' Association, with which most of the Timber Employees' Unions are affiliated, passed a motion to-day strongly condemning the action of the men in leaving their work, and urging the resumption of operations. The Parliamentary Labour party also expressed disapproval of the step taken by the timber workers, and, while condemning the manner in which Messrs. Smith and Temperley had interpreted the Arbitration Court's award, Labour members urged the men to return to work, and apply to the Court for an interpretation of the award. Information from the mills this evening states that in two districts the men had decided to resume work, pending a satisfactory settlement.

THE HIGH COURT.

A CUSTOMS CASE.

The appeal case of D. and W. Murray v the Collector of Customs was taken in the High Court to-day. The Judges reserved their decision until to-morrow. It is understood that this case is a test involving about 80 actions which are pending the decision of the High Court.

The R.M.S. Britannia took from Fremantle the following consignments of gold:—For Colombo, 50,000 sovereigns; for Calcutta, 25,000 sovereigns; for Bombay, 6168oz bar gold, valued at £25,913.

In the Legislative Assembly yesterday, the Minister for Works (Mr. Rason) moved the second reading of a bill to authorise the carrying out of a combined scheme of water supply and sewerage for Perth, Fremantle, and suburbs, the sewerage to be on the septic tank principle. The cost of the whole scheme is set down at £290,000, and of this amount it is proposed to expend £201,000 immediately. The debate was adjourned.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

SUPREME COURT BENCH.

ADELAIDE, Tuesday.

Mr. Justice Gordon formally took his seat on the Supreme Court Bench this morning at the Full Court. Chief Justice Way presided, and members of the Ministry occupied seats on the bench. The Attorney-General (Mr. L. Von Doussa), as the official head of the Bar, cordially congratulated Mr. Gordon upon his appointment to a Judgeship. Mr. Justice Gordon replied in felicitous terms.

TASMANIA.

MARINE BOARD OPERATIONS.

LAUNCESTON, Tuesday.

At the annual meeting of the Marine Board yesterday it was stated that the tonnage for the year had exceeded the previous year by 50,000 tons, and the revenue was about £1200 above last year's record, enabling the board to undertake important piling and dredging works.

NAVY LEAGUE BRANCH.

HOBART, Tuesday.

A branch of the Naval League was formed here this evening. Sir John Dodds was appointed president and the Governor, Sir A. E. Havelock, patron with an influential committee.

NEW ZEALAND.

BUTTER TESTS.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The Department of Agriculture has conducted a series of analytical tests of butter produced by dairy factories throughout New Zealand. The result shows the average of water in 266 samples was 10.33 per cent., whilst in 105 samples of Canadian butter analysed by the Canadian Government the average of water was 12.31.

MISS ADA CROSSLEY.

AUCKLAND, Tuesday.

Miss Ada Crossley who has completed a very successful New Zealand tour, last night, left for Sydney by the Sonoma this evening.

WAIMANGU GEYSER ACTIVE.

The Great Waimangu Geyser was very active to-day, playing no fewer than 150 times. Yesterday it shot a column to a height of 1000ft.

DOUBLE FATALITY IN A MINE.

While a truck of quartz was being put in the cage in the Crown Mine at Karanghake, it was accidentally precipitated down the shaft a distance of 300ft, falling upon two miners, Middleton and McCole, who were working at the bottom, killing them instantly, and severely injured a third miner named McSheen.

MAJOR TAYLOR IN NEW ZEALAND.

Major Taylor, the American cyclist, has arrived by the Sonoma from San Francisco. He is under engagement to race at Christchurch.

Judgment has been reserved in the action which was brought by the Commissioner for Taxes against the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company to determine the company's liability to be assessed for income tax.

The Government has promised a subsidy of £1000 for the Wellington Industrial Exhibition in November next.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The health officer will probably tour the colony shortly, giving lectures on the prevention of consumption.

A NAVAL MAN SHOT.

Whilst a firing party from H.M.S. Torch were at the rifle range, near Flemington, yesterday morning, Private J. Goode, of the Royal Marines, was accidentally shot. He was acting as marker, and it is stated mistook the signal "start firing" for "cease firing." He climbed up on to the embankment in front of the target, and immediately fell with a bullet wound in his groin. With all haste the injured man was conveyed to the Rookwood Asylum, where he received attention, but he died during the afternoon. Mr. F. MacNevin, the coroner at Parramatta, subsequently held an inquest, and a verdict of accidental death was recorded.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 8.

Sydney, s, 634 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Archer, s, 604 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Maranoa, s, 2598 tons, Captain S. E. Smith, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Augusta, s, 300 tons, Captain Tulloch, from Tweed River. Laurence Tulloch, agent.

Thistle, s, 64 tons, Captain D. Callaghan, from Cape Hawke. F. Buckle, agent.

Hawke, s, 89 tons, Captain J. George, from Port Stephens. A. Kethel and Co., agents.

Bega, s, 567 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Merimbula. Illawarra S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Illawarra, s, 822 tons, Captain J. Garde, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Rippingham Grange, s, 5804 tons, Captain Angel, from Wellington. Houlder Bros. and Company, Ltd., agents.

H.M.S. Phoebe, third-class twin screw cruiser, 5675 tons, Commander Hon. Francis C. B. Addington, from Auckland.

Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain Charles Leach, from Manning River. North Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Comah, s, 1757 tons, Captain H. A. Morrisbey, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Winfield, 2215 tons, Captain H. J. Holland, from Newcastle. G. S. Yuill and Company, Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 8.

Coolgardie, s, for Fremantle via ports.
Arawatta, s, for Cooktown via ports.
Aramac, s, for Melbourne.
Walpori, s, for Lyttelton via Newcastle.
Koroowarra, s, for Rockhampton via ports.
Musselcrag, bq, for Iquique via Newcastle.
Harlech Castle, ship, for Talcahuano via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 9.

Kanoga Maru, J.M.S. for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports; Prinz Sigismund, s, for Singapore, via ports; Maranoa, s, for Auckland and

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Tuesday Evening.

There were but few transactions in the Stock and Share market to-day, and prices were rather irregular. New South Wales Funded Stock were quitted at 101½. In banks, New South Wales brought 41l, a reduction of 5. Australian Joint Stock Bank "B" deposits sold at 12s 8d—the last quotation. North Coast Steam rose 3d, selling at 18s 3d. For Australian Gas £17 9s was paid, and offered at close. Other gaslight steady. Breweries remained as before. In the miscellaneous list Hall's Mercantile Agency were inquired for at 21s; Sydney Hydraulic offered at 28s; and Fresh Food and Ice in request at 7s 6d. Commercial Building had seller at 1s.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—Forenoon: Bank of New South Wales, 41½; A.J.S. Bank "B" deposits, 12s 8d. Noon: Nil. Later: Australian Gaslight, £17 9s; New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock (1932), 101½; New South Wales Mont de Piete, 38s. Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Prices. Buyers.	Sellers.	Yield to Investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
F. STOCK &c.								
N.S.W. F. S.	849,356	...	...	4	101½	101	102	4
1913								
Do. Inscribed	870,097	...	...	4	101⅝	101	...	3 18/
Do. Im'rm'ble	3,490,137	...	...	3	88½	...	88	3
Do. 1912	973,097	...	...	4	101½	...	102	3 19/
Do. deb. 1908		...	...	4	101	100	101	4
Do. T.S., 1925	222,225	...	...	3	91¼	...	101	...
Do., Bills, 1905	1,000,000	...	...	3½	99	98	99½	4
Do. T. Bills, 1906	1,000,000	...	...	4	...	...	...	3½
Do. Deb. 1923	999,800	...	...	5	103	...	...	4
Q.D., 1918	...	...	...	3½	...	...	...	...
Q.D., 1926	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...
S.T. Bills	...	...	...	4	103	...	...	3
V.F. D., 1913	800,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3
Ditto, 1914	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...
Cal. Sugar	...	...	...	5	107	...	...	4½
Do., 1914	...	...	...	4	103	...	...	4
City Syd. Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3½
Ditto, 1928	50,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3
Austrln. Gas Debentures	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
W. Aus. 4 p.c.	...	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	1,168,041	20	7½	...	...	...	...	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	85	83	...	7
City of Aust	240,000	10	8	4	81/	80/	82	5
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	7¾	7⅝	7¾	5
Com'l of Aust	94,695	10	10	3	8/	7/6	...	8
Ditto pref.	2,117,280	10	10	3	9/	8/	8	5
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	28½	...	28½	4
N. of Aus.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	6¾	6⅝	6¾	5
Ditto, pref	300,780	20	20	10	19½	...	19½	5
N.S.W.	2,000,000	20	20	10	41½	41½	41½	4
New Zealand	427,519	61	3½	5	80/	...	80/	6
N. Q'sland	100,000	7	2	2½	11/9	11/6	...	7
Q'sland Nat.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Royal of Q.	454,807	40	40	...	...	...	...	...
Union	1,250,000	75	25	8	42/	42/	...	4
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk. — Class A	...	...	...	5	16/2	15/9	17/	5
Class B	...	...	...	3	12/5	12/7	12/9	4
Ditto Inscr.	788,038	...	...	3½	9/	9/7½	10/6	3
Com. of Aus. — A ser., 1916	637,379	...	...	3½	19/8	18/3	...	3
Ditto assets	8,384,908	...	...	3	13/3	13/	...	4
E.S.A. Insc. pref	889,418	...	...	...	11/9	11/6	13/6	5
Ditto def.	925,942	...	...	4	16/6	16/3	...	5
Ditto Deb.	983,547	...	...	4	16/5	16/3	16/9	4
Ditto Ter.	92,017	...	...	4	19/10	19/8	...	4
Q'sland Nat.	3,116,621	...	...	3½	11/3	11/2	12/3	5
STEAM.								
Balmin, Ferry	16,420	1	1	5	20/6	20/	21/6	4½
Howard Smith pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	6½	20/	20/	...	6½
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	20/9	19/6	20/	5
North Coast	181,250	1	17/6	6	18/3	18/	18/6	6
Pyrmont Ferries	140,000	5	5	15/	41/6	41/6	42/6	4
T. Jackson	25,000	20/	15/	25/	27/	...	...	5½
Ditto, Comp.	8,745	...	...	1	3	...	...	...
INSURANCE.								
A. M. Fire	50,000	1	10/	16½	36/6	35/	...	4½
Mar. Mut.	37,500	1	5/	19½	15/6	15/6	16/5	6
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	65/	...	...	7
N. G'land	80,000	1	10/	8	13/	11/	...	6
Ditto	8,000	1	...	8	...	...	...	...
Ditto	62,500	10	2½	12½	...	...	61/	7
Ditto new	5,732	10	12	12½	...	...	20/6	5
GAS.								
Albury	7,800	1	12/	10	20/3	20/	...	6½
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	17/9	17/9	17½	6½
Ch. Towers	20,000	10	10/	1	14/9	...	...	6½
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	8	27/6	25/	...	6½
Orange	15,000	5	5	7	25/	...	...	6½
Orchd Gas	15,500	5	5	7	23/	20/	...	6½
Shly	10,000	1	1	7	28/	...	...	6½
Shellhw	8,000	1	10/	7	12/6	12/3	...	6½
Sydney	8,000	1	1	7	17/6	17/3	...	6½
Tamatie	38,988	2	2	15	6	5½	6½	5
Bath Shore	125,000	1	1	7	36/6	35/	37/6	5½
Ch. Brisbane	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	...	...	...	...	...	...	9/	...
BREWERIES.								
Castlemaine	48,800	10/	10/	2½	8/	...	8/6	...
C. and Wood Bros.	58,000	5	3½	6½	20/	20/	...	6½
Marshall's	22,297	10/	5/	4	10/6	...	10/6	6
Resch's	38,320	10	10	4	4/	...	4/	5
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	6	29/	28/	29/6	4½
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	6	29/6	29/	29/6	4½
MISCELL'NS.								
Aarons	12,500	15	10/	5	5/6	5/	6/	...
Aus. News	40,000	1	1	...	5/	...	5/	...
B. H. Water Supply	225,000	1	1	10	19/4	19/	20/3	10½
Burns, Philp	300,000	1	1	8	...	...	...	5
New Zeras	...	1	10/	8	15/3	...	15/6	5½
Qld. Sugar	2,000,000	20	20	10	40	40	40½	5
Dalgetty Co.	1,000,000	20	20	10	39/6	...	40/	5
Dunlop P. Tire	...	1	1	7	3/6	...	13/	10½
Ham R. Rail.	100,000	1	1	...	3/6	...	...	3½
Ham & Prospect	84,000	1	10/	...	6/	6/	8/	...
Federal Coffee	37,370	20	20	...	10/	10/	12/6	...
Do. Pref., etc.	7,350	10/	10/	...	7½	...	12/	10½
Malt Co.	21,050	1	10/	15	14/	...	14/	5
Mel. Trams	480,000	1	10/	...	1/	...	...	...
N. Zld. Loan	1,000,000	25	25	10	38/	37/	37/	...
Mort's Dk.	200,000	1	1	7	17/	...	19/	6½
Ditto Pref.	48,301	1	1	6	18/	18/	19/	6½
F. Food, Ice	103,114	1	15/	...	5/	7/6	8/	...
Rhodesian	80,000	1	10/6	...	14	...	...	...
New York and R. Tob.	15,000	1	1	10	20/	...	...	10½
Perm. Trust	25,000	5	2/6	5	3/3	3/	3/3	6½
Perp. Trus.	25,000	10	5/	15	10/	9/	...	5
Richardson & Wrench	40,000	1	1	5	12/6	...	12/6	8
Silv. Fram	197,300	1	1	10	60/	55/6	59/6	5
Syd. Exch.	80,000	10	10	15	14½	...	15	7½
Syd. Hyd.	30,000	1	10	10	29/6	...	28/	7½
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	18/	...	18/9	...
Syd. Hyd. & G. E.	15,000	1	10	10	13/6	13/3	...	7½
Tel. Mail Ord	...	...	...	...	120	130	150	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	10/	10	22/	21/	21/9	9½
Manly Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto	...	...	...	...	...	11/	...	...
Ditto, contg.	...	...	...	...	...	...	6/	6½
LAND & BD.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ennis, Dep.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Haymark. D.	...	...	...	...	17/	...	...	...
Do. Shares	...	...	...	8	...	15/	18/	...
Inf. Prov.	47,110	2½	2½	6	...	...	...	...
Inter. Dr.	33,958	1	1	7	15/6	...	...	6½
N'castle B.&I.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

The following is a return supplied by the Customs of the exports of wool from New South Wales for the past five months:—

	Seasons July-Nov. 1902-03.	Seasons July-Nov 1903-04.
	Bales.	Bales.
By Sea—		
From Sydney and Newcastle to United Kingdom and Foreign Ports	134,457	149,664
From Sydney and Newcastle to Victoria	8,381	4,340
From Sydney and Newcastle to other States	47	371
Total by Sea	142,885	154,375
Borderwise—		
To Victoria	60,444	36,776
To South Australia	8,277	9,300
Total Borderwise	68,721	46,076
Total exported from the State	211,486	220,451
Less imported from Queensland, &c.	13,310	17,413
Net production of N.S.W.	198,176	203,038

An increase in the export is shown, amounting to 8975 bales, of which 4123 bales represented the wool of other States. Less wool has been shorn this year than in the previous year.

On the London Stock Exchange on November 6 Australian bank deposits were quoted as follows:—Australian Joint Stock Bank A series, buyer 14s, seller 14s 9d—B series, buyer 11s 3d, seller 11s 9d; Commercial Bank of Australia, A series, buyer 18s, seller 18s 6d; Commercial Bank of Australia, pref., £10 fully paid, buyer 83s, seller 88s; ditto Special Assets Trust Company, Ltd., deposit receipt, buyer 13s, seller 13s 6d; English, Scottish, and Australian Bank Terminal Deposits, buyer 18s 6d; Inscribed Stock, pref., buyer 11s; ditto, deferred, buyer 15s; Debentures, 4 per cent., buyer 16s; London Bank of Australia Deposits, buyer 18s, seller 18s 6d; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Stock, buyer 10s 3d, seller 10s 9d.

The clearances of the banks of Sydney for the week ended December 7 aggregated £4,323,744, against £3,760,489 in the corresponding week of last year. Since January 1 the clearances have compared with those of several previous years as follows:—

January 1 to December 16, 1898	£119,207,299
January 1 to December 14, 1899	130,000,918
January 1 to December 10, 1900	114,576,766
January 1 to December 9, 1901	135,467,402
January 1 to December 8, 1902	166,530,040
January 1 to December 7, 1903	168,281,682

To date so far since January 1 the clearances are £1,751,621 more than last year. In Melbourne to November 30 the bank clearances aggregated £149,160,759, showing a decrease since the beginning of the year of £4,440,629.

It is announced in our advertisement columns that the business of Messrs. Alexander Dean and Sons has been converted into a limited liability company, under the name of Alexander Dean and Sons, Limited.

The Anglo-Australian drapery companies have felt the force of the unfavourable seasons and the new tariff regulations. The annual report of the directors of Henry Bull and Co., Limited, made up to July 31, states that, in consequence of the extreme depression in trade generally throughout New South Wales, they are unable to record the usual amount of profit. The trading for the 12 months, after providing for directors' fees, has resulted in a net profit of £13,122. This amount, with the balance carried forward from the previous year, makes a total of £23,396. The directors propose to pay a final dividend on the ordinary shares at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended July 31, making 7 per cent. for the year, leaving £10,846 to be carried forward.

The local wool market to-day was very strong for all descriptions at unchanged rates. Greasy sold to 13d and scoured to 20½d. The catalogues contained 7727 bales, and the sales aggregated 6956 bales.

The British Board of Trade returns for October show an increase in imports of £3,608,525, and a decrease in exports of £1,610,445. For the 11 months of the present year the trade compares with the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

Mth.	Total Imports.	Increase or Decrease.	Exports of U. K. Produce.	Increase or Decrease.
	£	£	£	£
8 Mts.	294,297,561	Inc. 5,366,[illegible]	217,378,876	Inc. 7,878,134
Oct.	47,756,188	Inc. 909,[illegible]	25,876,180	Inc. 736,349
Nov.	48,723,591	Inc. 3,005,535	26,207,683	Dec. 1,610,445
	390,719,340	Inc. 9,875,917	269,462,606	Inc. 6,994,038

To date the imports show an increase of 2 per cent., and the exports an increase of 2.6 per cent.

An advertisement appears elsewhere regarding the Standard Electric Elevator Company, to which we are requested to call attention. The company informs us that there are running or have been contracted for in Sydney 38 electric elevators.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

METALS.

Closing quotations yesterday were:—

Copper, on spot, 55, and at three months, 54¾ per ton.

Lead, soft foreign, 11 3-16 per ton.

BREADSTUFFS.

Heavy sales of new season's were made on the basis of 2s 11½d for prime grain. Flour was dull at £8 10s for new, and £11 10s for old.

The freight situation remains quiet on the basis of 21s 6d to 21s 9d for sailers for U.K. or orders. Shippers are not anxious to effect fresh charters, and are asking for offers of vessels from shipowners, which the latter do not seem prepared to make. The following vessels have been chartered up to date to carry wheat from Sydney:—

Vessel.	Tons.	Destination.
Alba	1430	U.K. or Continent
Almedia	1409	U.K. or South Africa
Andreta	1635	U.K. or Continent
Australia	2007	U.K. or Continent
Drumpark	1469	U.K. or Continent
Falls of Carry	1971	Falmouth
Ernest Legouve	1721	U.K. or Continent
Gael	1707	U.K. or Continent
Gael	7516	U.K. or Continent
General Faidherbe	1728	U.K. or Continent
Hoche	1739	U.K. or Continent
John Stewart	1610	U.K. or Continent
Nixe	1553	U.K. or Continent
Serena	1525	U.K. or Continent

In addition a large number of other vessels are set down in the Adelaide and Melbourne lists, but have Sydney options. Parcel freight by steamers is being freely offered at 18s per ton.

The imports and exports of wheat and flour at the port of Sydney from January 1 to December 5 compare with those for the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Wheat. 1902. Bushels.	Wheat. 1903. Bushels.	Flour. 1902. Tons.	Flour. 1903. Tons.
Imports	571,992	4,622,065	7,884	49,496
Exports	1,691,150	122,774	18,607	18,233
Net imports	—	4,507,191	—	31,263
Net exports	1,119,248	—	10,723	—

Taking the wheat and flour together in terms of bushels of wheat we find that a net importation of 6,071,814 bushels up to date this year compares with a net exportation of 1,398,398 bushels last year.

The receipts of wheat and flour by rail at Sydney, Clyde, Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, and Newtown during the week ended December 8, compared with those of the previous week and the corresponding week of last year, are as follows:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
Week ended December 8	3019	203
Previous week	1015	62
Last year	15	106

The receipts of wheat and flour during the first 50 statistical weeks of the present year and the preceding seven years are as follows:—

	Wheat. Tons.	Flour. Tons.
First 50 weeks in 1896	17,654	7,618
First 50 weeks in 1897	27,197	9,807
First 50 weeks in 1898	46,366	23,067
First 50 weeks in 1899	55,146	30,588
First 50 weeks in 1900	119,046	24,157
First 50 weeks in 1901	226,595	26,800
First 50 weeks in 1902	129,272	27,449
First 50 weeks in 1903	13,682	9,338

The receipts of wheat this week were nearly twice as heavy as during any previous week this year.

The receipts of mill offals during the past week, compared with those of the corresponding period of last year, are as follows:—

	Last Year. Tons.	Last Week. Tons.
Bran	33	95
Pollard	29	94

The prices ruling to-day for wheat and its products compare with those ruling 12 months ago as follow:—

	A Year Ago.	To-day.
Wheat, per bushel	£0 6 8	£0 2 11½
Flour, per ton	12 0 0	8 10 0
Bran, per bushel	0 1 1½	0 0 9½
Pollard, per bushel	0 1 11½	0 0 9½

*New wheat. **New flour.

At the corresponding date of 1901 the prices of the leading lines were:—Wheat, 2s 11d; flour, £8 10s; bran, 7½d; and pollard, 9d per bushel.

IMPORT MARKET.

A steady Christmas trade was carried through in this department, there being no marked fluctuation in prices. The tea auction was unattended by buoyancy, and lower prices had to be accepted than have recently been offered privately. There was not much doing privately. Sugar, groceries, dried fruits, and liquors were all steady and unchanged. Metals sold without briskness. Cornsacks had a brisker country demand. Some interesting statistics of shipments will be found hereunder relating to cornsacks, branbags, and woolpacks, in oils a rise in China was the only movement noted. Chemicals remained firm, but steady, except for zinc, which was well held and inquired for at high rates.

Sydney, Order No. 693.—The following copies of orders from the Comptroller-General are forwarded for the information and guidance of officers:—Cotton sacks, calico, unbleached, clearly coming within the Tariff Guide definition of flannelette (page 117) is dutiable at 5 per cent., item 66 (B). Small garden forks for hand use, free division vi. (b i).

Tea.—Privately there was not much doing at the late basis of prices.

Messrs. Cyril Trower and Co. report:—"We offered at the rooms, 129 Pitt-street, this morning, a catalogue of Ceylon teas covering 581 packages, under instructions from Messrs. A. Tanner and Co. The trade attendance was fair, but little disposition was shown to bid reasonable rates for a generally useful catalogue of teas. Owing to the very strong position of the tea market, it was confidently anticipated that the trade would have seized their opportunity and bought at the unreasonably low local rates, as compared with those of the producing centre, but Sydney traders are famous for being slow, and to-day sales were no exception to the rule. The vendors were allowed to sell at late market rates, but these not being forthcoming half the catalogue was passed in. We quote selling rates as under:—Fair common to good pekoes, 6½d to 8d; fair common to good broken pekoes, 6½d to 8d; Better grades were neglected."

Groceries.—Distributing orders for the Christmas trade were freely received.

Dried Fruits.—Good business was done in currants at 3½d. Late dates were scarce, and wanted; stocks being in few hands, owing to large quantities being short-shipped at Port Said.

Liquors.—A fair business was carried through in this department. Hennessey's brandy remained at the minimum prices of 34s to 35s for one-star, and 40s to 46s for three-star, according to size of parcel. Key gin had attention at 12s 9d to 13s for 16-bottles, 15-bottles being neglected. Lownde's rum met with very little demand at 2s 4½d to 2s 5d. There was a good inquiry for champagnes.

Metals.—The demand was far from active in this branch, with prices nominally without change.

Oils.—50 cases of China oil moved off at the improved price of 2s 6d, and more was wanted. The exports of carter oil from Calcutta to Sydney up to date and inclusive of the Satara shipment not yet arrived totalled 139,331gals this year against 167,385gals for the corresponding portion of 1902. The question of turpentine for varnish is becoming more pressing as time goes on, and no sign is forthcoming of a change in the high value of the American spirit. Purified Russian turpentine is now in the London market, and it is said that the objectionable smell hitherto associated with the article has been overcome, and that no unfavourable consequences follow from working with the new article. The matter of moment to the dealer in turpentine is that should the difficulties with regard to Russian material be actually overcome it will soon be impossible to maintain the prejudice already existing; and with the disappearance of prejudice a large demand will arise for Russian spirit. The result must be a rise in the value of the latter, and probably a corresponding fall in the value of American turpentine unless supplies of the latter should diminish with extraordinary rapidity.

Jute Goods.—There was a good deal more inquiry for cornsacks for the country to-day, 5c 10d being the price for small parcels. The shipments of this line from Calcutta to the chief Australian ports up to date, and inclusive of the Satara shipment, not yet arrived, compare with those of the corresponding period of last year as follows:—

	Adelaide Bales.	Melb. Bales.	Syd. Bales.	Total. Bales.
To date, 1903	25,025*	18,303	12,953	56,646
To date, 1902	3,200	8,255	5,895	17,450

* Inclusive of the Dunolly's shipment of 13,578 bales for orders.

It may be roughly estimated that 1000 bales of cornsacks suffice for 1,000,000 bushels of wheat. There is thus provision for 56,646,000 bushels from this season's importations, and a good many were held over from last season. It is considered that the Commonwealth wheat crop will run out to about 60,000,000 bushels. It would seem from these facts that ample provision has been made for the Commonwealth as a whole, though the apportionment in individual States may not be altogether adequate. The exports of branbags from Calcutta up to date compare as follows:—

	Adel. Bales.	Melb. Bales.	Syd. Bales.	Total. Bales.
To date 1903	2,140	6,800	1,750	10,691
To date 1902	2,135	6,150	3,626	12,021

Less provision has so far been made for the heavier crop this season than for the light crop last. Messrs. Strager Brothers, writing from Calcutta under date November 14, state:—"The market has firmed up very considerably during the past week owing to the steady demand for all descriptions of twilled and heavy goods up to June next year; mills have held for higher rates, which have been paid by local consumers and speculators. The price of jute has also hardened during the week, and this has helped still further towards the rise in cornsacks, for as a matter of fact it appears as if the prices of sacking will not depend for next six months on the question for jute, but purely on the question of demand, which as already indicated by us, shows promise of being an exceptionally large one. Local consumers are beginning to realise that the prospects of very large country requirements, with the probability of a big demand for export, will tax mills to their utmost resources, and under such circumstances full prices will have to be paid. They have therefore thought it advisable to contract ahead for large quantities of twilled and E bags, both of which descriptions are used for the transport of grain. Exporters of seeds, who use the latter quality of bag, have also contracted fairly largely up to June next year, and speculators, too, have interested themselves to a fair extent, so that on the face of this [illegible] some of business we do not expect to see a decline in prices. Cuban sugars and Liverpool twills have also been in strong demand for delivery up to January, and the former proved very difficult to obtain even at an advance in price."

Return of produce received at Homebush, Burwood, Ashfield, Petersham, Newtown, Sydney, and Clyde per rail for the week ending December 8:—Butter, 63 kegs, 6834 cases; cheese, 542 cases; eggs, 623 cases; bacon, 3 bags, 6 sides; hay, 54 trucks; straw, 2 trucks; chaff, 157 trucks; wool, 25,180 bales; sheepskins, 821 bales; wheat, 3619 tons; flour, 208 tons; oats, 195 tons; barley, 24 tons; maize, 12 tons; potatoes, 60 tons; bran, 95 tons; pollard, 74 tons.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £14,850. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £4293; narcotics, £2903; sugar, £113; agricultural products and groceries, £1458; apparel and textiles, £1138; metals and machinery, £1143; oils, paints, and varnishes, £165; earthenware, cement, etc. £221; drugs and chemicals, £66; wood, wicker, and cane, £138; jewellery and fancy goods, £578; leather and rubber, £427; paper and stationery, £151; vehicles, £143; musical instruments, £27; miscellaneous, £92; harbour and light dues, £65; pilotage, £78; harbour dues, £18; excise on spirits, £167; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1006; excise on beer, £419.

EXPORT MARKET.

Average Price of Lead, Silver, and Spelter.—The Australian Metal Company, Ltd., have received a cable to the effect that the average price of lead in London during November was £11 2s 22d per ton, of silver 2s 3d per ounce standard, and of spelter £20 11s 7d per ton. These prices compare with the average rates of earlier months as follow:—

	Lead. Per ton. £ s. d.	Per cs.	Silver. standard.
November, 1902	10 14 3½	..	22½d
December, 1902	10 15 1½	..	22 3-16d
January, 1903	11 0 22	..	21 15-16d
February, 1903	11 14 1½	..	22¼d
March, 1903	12 4 6½	..	22¼d
April, 1903	12 8 1½	..	22 5-16d
May, 1903	11 15 8 3-16	..	24¼d
June, 1903	11 8 9 5-16	..	24 5-16d
July, 1903	11 7 7 13-16	..	24¼d
August, 1903	11 7 13-16	..	23¾d
September, 1903	11 3 37	..	23 11-16d
October, 1903	11 2 2 15-16	..	27½d
November, 1903	11 2 22	..	27d

The average price for spelter for November was £20 14s 7d, against £20 9s 1d for October, £20 17s 7½d in September, £20 9s 9 13-16d in August, £20 8s 5 1-16d for July, £20 7s 8½d in June, which compares with £21 2s 3½d per ton for May, with £22 8s 6½d for April, £22 18s 2½d for March, £20 15s 4½d for February, and £20 in all for January.

Butter and Cheese Exports.—The following comparison may be made of the receipts of butter and cheese by rail during last week and those of the corresponding week of last year:—

	Last Year.	Last Week.
Butter, kegs	116	61
Butter, cases	3502	6334
Cheese, cases	143	542

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 4050 bales of wool were manifested to arrive, 578 bales arrived coastwise, and at Newcastle on Monday 361 bales were received.

AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO (via Auckland), Nov. 18.

General recession continues all along commercial branches, and the Stock market. Considering staples individually there is much more slower demand. The Iron and Steel market is meeting with a diminished production and consumption, and lower quotations. There is a weak and irregular Provision market, with increasing supplies of hogs, and declining prices. The wool situation is characterised by heavy and accumulating stocks, and easy quotations. There is a weak Hide and Leather market, with plenty of supplies on hand; a nervous feeling which is fluctuating feverishly, according to the tenor of crop reports and sluggish grain markets, due largely to the fine crop prospects throughout the world, and statements from England and Continent that they can get along without calling on America for any large quantity of wheat. This assertion is thus far affirmed by the fact that our exports for the crop year to date are about 40,000,000 bushels less than during the corresponding period of 1902. The situation in the Western coast fields is better than a week ago, though it is still disturbed and uncertain. Labour troubles are reported in different parts of the country.

UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU REPORT.

The weekly United States Weather Bureau says:—Nearly all crops are under cover, and disposed of for the season. Green feed will soon be abundant, recent rains having given the grass a good start. Dry feed has nearly failed, and cattle were in poor condition in many sections. Southern fields and orangues are in good condition, and developing satisfactorily. In the Porterville, Crowille, and Palermo districts oranges are ripening rapidly, and shipments are in progress. The yield and quality are reported excellent. Olives are doing well. The rainin season is practically closed, and shipments are progressing. The crop is large, and of excellent quality. The walnut harvest is nearly completed. The nuts are of superior quality, but the yield is below the average in most places.

THE SALMON MARKET.

While market conditions as compared with former seasons are comparatively dull, orders are being received from all parts of the country for canned salmon from almost the entire country, and there is a continued demand from the south and south-west for the cheaper grades. There is a very small quantity remaining unsold of Puget Sound fishery, being generally reported that falls of this grade are exhausted. Reports of the packs continue to come in slowly, and it will be the first of the year before all canneries are closed and detailed figures are obtainable.

LOCAL FREIGHT MARKET.

Page Bros. make the following review of coast freight market for long voyage business:—"Freights have ruled quiet for the week, the only charter drawn having been the Marechal de Villars, at 30s 6d for orders, at which rate another vessel or two could no doubt be arranged. Vessels are idle in the north. Some charterers are being drawn on the basis of 10s 3d to 17s 6d for orders, U.K., etc. From Portland, at 15s to 16s 3d; from Tacoma according to size; there is no inquiry for Africa, as thatcountry is now drawing its supplies from Australia on a cheaper basis. Lumber freights are still active, especially to Australia, for which direction freights paid are 27s 6d to 28s 9d Sydney, and 27s 6d to 30s Melbourne, Adelaide, or Port Pirie, and 35s to 40s 3d Fremantle, according to size and position of vessels."

COAL MARKET.

Harrison's coal circular says:—"Since the Sierra left there have been the following arrivals with Australian coal, namely,—Oceanic, 1000 tons; Bidston Hill, 3400 tons; Galgate, 3469 tons; Ancaius, 2280 tons; Lafayette, 2708 tons; Marechal Suchet, 2302 tons; Hutton Hall, 3164 tons; Oregon, 1977 tons; Sonoma, 200 tons; Ancenis, 2970 tons; Cuzigneul, 3650 tons; Inverness, 1004 tons; Gaelic, 1707 tons; General Foy, 2000 tons. Total, 36,794 tons. There are 15 coal-laden vessels now en route from Australia (but one vessel loading), and total carrying capacity of these 16 vessels is about 31,000 tons. It is anticipated that all of the abovenamed vessels will arrive here prior to January 15, when the duty on foreign coal may be renewed; and as the outward grain freight from the colonies to Europe are so much in excess of asking rates here, it is a natural inference to suppose that coal shipments this way will entirely cease. It can safely be predicted that for the first half of the incoming year our local coal supplies will be furnished from the coast collieries alone. It is figured that the output of the oil wells in California will this year reach the vicinity of 20,000,000 barrels. Of course a large proportion of this is being refined, and considerable quantities exported, yet it can be safely estimated that the disturbing factor in consumption of coal. The outlook is encouraging for the sustenance of present values, particularly so for coals suitable for domestic use."

CLEARANCES FROM NEW YORK.

Clearances are:—To Melbourne, steamer Georgic cleared on October 29 with 6 cs leather, 10 cs essential oil, 1003 bs canned meat, 400 bgs grits. To Melbourne the steamer Cymic cleared on Oct. 22, with 13 pkgs paints, 1000 bls of flour, 2 bxs soap. To Sydney the steamer Victorian was cleared on October 29 with 45 pkgs hardware, 125 cs cereals, 20 bxs soap, 13 cs leather, 231 pkgs agricultural machinery. To Sydney the steamer Arabic cleared on October 31 with 3535 pkgs manufactured wood, 3785 pkgs manufactured iron, 470 pkgs carriage material, 93 cs drugs, 1,093ft lumber, 7 pkgs paint, 17,065 pkgs fabricating rails, 7500 gals turpentine, 500 bble glucose, 780 bbls rosin, 1200 bbls plaster, 11,119 lbs grease, 10,729lb wax, 1000 gals mineral oil, 550 lgs soda. To Melbourne the ship Marie cleared on November 2 with 6630,500 gals petroleum. To Melbourne, etc., the steamer H. Grange cleared on November 2 with 2925 pcs agricultural machinery, 65 cs sewing machine oil, 5000 gals mineral oil, 400 gals varnish, 13,066 pkgs manufactured iron, 684 pkgs drugs, 5000 gals petroleum, 13,263ft lumber, 684 pkgs paint, 119,0lbs gals lubricating oil, 192 gals turpentine, 38 cs leather, 140 bbls rosin,

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

The Randwick course proper was again in use yesterday, and the work on it was done outside three hurdles. The weather was delightfully cool and bright, and the rain, which fell on Monday morning, improved the track for training purposes, but the going was not so much in favour of the watch as on Saturday morning. The only gallop that approached sensationalism was done by Faithful. She carried a light weight and ran a mile and a quarter. Jumping off at score, she ran the first two furlongs (on a turn) in 28s, the last mile in 1m 47½s, and the full journey in 2m 15½s. The gallop was a very even one all the way. Air Motor ran a mile in 1m 50s, but was not fully extended, and Idolise shaped well over seven furlongs, which she ran in 1m 24s. Fanfare went attractively, running a mile in 1m 50s without much effort; but Sir Leonard was let off with a working gallop over a similar distance. With Thetford to assist for nine furlongs of the journey, Bridegroom ran a mile and a quarter in 2m 21s, and went in his usual lazy fashion. Attendant slipped over five furlongs at a fair pace, but the rest of Earnshaw's team, including Nothos, were not asked to do more than useful pacing. All Raynor's team, including the recently arrived Margaros, were treated to half-pacing, and Kelp ran seven furlongs in 1m 37⅗s. Uneasy ran the middle mile of a mile and a quarter in 1m 52s, and Famous traversed a mile in 1 minute 48⅘ seconds. T. M. S. ran a mile and a quarter, and Brumlo was sailing along at a useful pace. With Mr. Stephen in the saddle, Loch Leven did a useful task, and Overdale ran a mile in 1m 51⅘s. At the finish of half a mile, run in 52⅘s, Mangosteen had the call over Gemsbok, and the pair beat Vanadium and Sarto by several lengths. Berthier was going better than Danny Mann at the end of a mile, run in 1m 50s, while Bassini and Sporran ran six furlongs in 1m 22s. The Malvolio-Treason mare (Mr. Stephen), Sellum, and Scot Free ran half a mile together, and, after a steady canter, had another half-mile spin, at the end of which the Treason mare came out ahead. Blue Black shaped better than Neruda over six furlongs, and a useful mile and a quarter gallop went down to Australia. Playaway ran five furlongs in 1m 8s, while Wakefield, Diamonds, and 4X beat Bismuth over a mile in 1m 50⅘s. Auld Chappie, Felicita and a Simmer mare shaped well for novices over six furlongs, while Peaceful and Zythos were together at the end of five furlongs, run in 1m 3s. Hadrian, Hercules, and Panthea, were not fully extended to run five furlongs in 1m 8s, and Dumont had more to say than Watchfire over a mile in 1m 50s—a distance which Lantier ran in 1m 53s. Benevenuto ran a mile on the tan in 1m 49s, Curassow spending 1m 54s over a similar journey, while Ravenshoe and Possum ran six furlongs in 1m 21s. Loch Lochie, with H. Cook in the saddle, took his first lesson over hurdles, and jumped a couple as cleverly as an old hand at the game.

Harry Raynor has received an addition to his team of racehorses in work at Randwick, in Margaros, a four-year-old mare by Haut Brion from Pearl Shell, and an untried mare by Antaeus, who are the property of Mr. H. C. White, of Havilah.

At the New South Wales Trotting Club's meeting yesterday the driver of Millie, who finished second in the Handicap Maiden Trot, was asked by the stewards for an explanation respecting that mare's performance. The explanation was regarded as satisfactory.

From a trotting point of view, yesterday's meeting of the New South Wales Trotting Club at Kensington was one of the best yet held, some of the finishes being particularly exciting. Especially was this the case in the Kensington Handicap, for which the 1000 gns stallion Belmont M (full brother to the famous champion Aimont) went out at odds on favourite. At the turn for home Harry looked very much like winning, but Belmont M, trotting beautifully, rapidly overhauled the stoutbearted grey, and passed him a few yards from the winning post amidst hearty applause. An even closer finish was that for the Pony Handicap Trot, which Olive just succeded in winning from Major Taylor, who would undoubtedly have beaten her in another ten yards.

The weekly meeting of the Kensington Racing Club will be held this afternoon, commencing at 2.15. Trams direct to the course will leave Bent-street every few minutes between 12.45 and 1.55 p.m., and the Railway Institute, corner of Castlereagh and Devonshire streets, at 12.58, 1.13, 1.28, and 1.40 p.m.

The pony and galloway meeting fixed for Friday next at Brighton has been abandoned.

The following race meetings have been registered by the A.J.C.:—Mount Harris, December 26; Windeyer, December 30; Merriwa, December 31 and January 1; Coolajong, January 8; Coonabarabran, January 13 and 14; Marengo, January 26.

Auriculus has been withdrawn from the A.J.C. December Stakes.

Our Melbourne correspondent wired last night:—"An appeal has been lodged with the V.R.C. by F. Foulsham against the decision of the Sandown Park stewards disqualifying him for 12 months in connection with his riding of Amiable in the Maiden Plate."

The N.Z. "Sporting Review" writes:—"The report that the black wonder Advance was ridden in a circus ring at Palmerston North by a lady seems a remarkable one. That the son should allow the great son of Vanguard and Laurel to go into the ring is a cause for wonder, but when it is further stated that because the thoroughbred, who did not appear to understand what was required of him, was thrashed with a whip till he was thoroughly cowed, then it must be confessed that the incident, if true, does not redound to the credit of the owner, who, the report says, was present among the onlookers. One would have expected that the great deeds of the flying black should have earned him more generous treatment."

"Woman's sphere," says a New Zealand paper, "is a much-discussed subject in these days, when the gentler sex are invading domains that not so long ago were considered exclusively the property of the sterner sex. Lady doctors, clerks, travellers, etc., have for some time been established facts. At the Winton meeting a further aggressive move was made, and considerable interest was shown in the presence of a lady 'laying the odds' in approved style. She appeared to do good business, and those of the male persuasion also wearing the bag looked with jealous eye on her operations."

NEW SOUTH WALES TROTTING CLUB.

Favoured with beautiful weather, the meeting of the New South Wales Trotting Club at Kensington yesterday afternoon attracted a very fair attendance. The arrangements made by the secretary (Mr. R. Hungerford), as usual, left nothing to be desired, and the meeting passed off very successfully. The following are the results:—

Opening Handicap Trot of 20 sovs, second 2 sovs (2,20 class), 1m.—Dr. G. M. Slate's b m Juliette, by Huon (imp.)—Julia (imp.), 8s behind (C. M. Slate). 2; W. F. Nash's br m Miss Harold, 3s behind (H. P. Chew), 2; J. H. Wiseman's b g Prince Charming, 2s behind (W. J. Ryan), 3. Other starters: Modesty, 6s behind (A. Millson). Betting 6 to 4 each v Juliette, 6 to 1 v Charming and Miss Harold, 8 to 1 v Modesty. Won by a dozen lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 2m 32⅘s.

Handicap Maiden Trot of 15 sovs, 1m.—E. J. Kenny's br g Mickie, 5s behind (A. Whitely), 1; J. Symonds's br g Rube, 5s behind (A. Scowen), 2; J. M'Keehnie's b g Danger, sir (J. M'Keehnie), 3. Other starters: Ruby, 1s behind (F. Farley); Melba, 3s behind (D. Rees); Bushman, 5s behind (A. Wright); Havelock, 5s behind (A. Millson); Lord Bobs, 7s behind (J. E. Mullampy). Betting 7 to 4 on Lord Bobs, 2 to 1 v Mickie, 10 to 1 v others. Soon after the start the sulkies in which Mickie and Ruby were being driven collided, with the result that Farley, the driver of Ruby, was thrown out, and one of the shafts of his sulky broken. The race was won easily by Mickie, fully 60yds separating him from Millie, who beat Danger almost on the post for second place. Time, 2m 49s.

Pony Handicap Trot (14.0) of 15 sovs., 1m.—J. Brogan's b m Olive, by Tuxedo, 12s behind (J. Brogan), 1; E. Beckett's bk g Major Taylor (late Erin), 14s behind (A. Millson), 2; R. Birdsall's br m Levanty, 10s behind (D. Millson), 3. Other starters: Star Pointer, 14s behind (R. Birdsall), 4; Rusty, sr. (J. Ryan); Lill, 4s behind (F. Batt); Tit-Bit, 5s behind (G. Geddes). Betting: Even money on Major Taylor, 3 to 1 v Olive, 5 to 1 v Cymro, 8 to 1 v Harry, 10 to 1 v others. A capital race; won by a length, 20yds between second and third. Time, 2m 51⅘s.

Trotting Club Handicap of 15 sovs, second 2 sovs, 1m.—E. Beckett's b g Paddy, by Rebel Childe, 8s behind (A. Millson), 1; J. Mullampy's br g Jerry, 10s behind (D. Millson), 2; J. E. Mullampy's ch g Lord Bobs, 8s behind (J. Mullampy), 3. Other starters: Briarwood, 8s behind (J. Jones); Gay Boy, 8s behind (S. Williams); Betting: Even Victor, 11s behind (A. Pointing, jun.). Betting: Even money on Paddy, 3 to 1 v Lord Bobs, 7 to 2 v Jerry, 6 to 1 v Gay Boy and Victor. Won by 30yds, 20yds between second and third. Time, 2m 49⅘s.

Kensington Handicap of 20 sovs., 1m.—J. Mills' ch h Belmont M, by Rothschild—Pasella, 6s behind (A. Millson), 1; D. Weldon's br g Harry, 15s behind (W. Millson), 2; H. P. Chew's b m Dawn, 16s behind (H. Wright), 3. Other starters: Milly B, sr. (C. Warden); Cymro, 8s behind (G. Geddes); Toronto, 6s behind (S. Williams); Sir Wilds, 10s behind (A. White); Globe, Jun., 15s behind (J. Mullampy); Venus, 20s behind (G. M. Slate). Betting: 6 to 4 p'y;

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FREEHOLD TITLE.

T. M. SLATTERY, SON, AND CO. have been instructed by Peter Moore, Esq., to offer the above lots or the whole block for sale by auction, at their Rooms, Martin-place, on MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

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ESTATE OF THE LATE WILLIAM JARRETT.

EXECUTORS' SALE.

GLEBE POINT TERRACE PROPERTY.

Nos. 407 to 419 GLEBE POINT-ROAD.—TERRACE of 7 Modern RESIDENCES, 2-story, brick, slate roofs, known as Alma, Boro, Canus, Divo, Edna, Faro, and Gaza.

GAZA, the corner house, contains hall, 4 reception rooms, 5 bedrooms and outoffices, verandah and balcony, coachhouse, stable, and man's rooms. The other 6 houses each contain tiled porch, hall, 2 reception, 4 bedrooms, and outoffices, verandah and balcony, dwarf stone wall. A better built or more elegant terrace in this accessible and well-letting locality is not in the market.

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THURSDAY, 10th DECEMBER, 1903, at 11 o'clock.

Lot 1. Deceased Estate of John Norris. By order of the Trustees. Nos. 11 and 13 BERRY-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.—Pair of semi-detached brick Cottages, iron roofs, each 2 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, copper, connected with sewer, land 34ft 10in by 80ft 9in, as per plan, to be exhibited at sale. Freehold Title.

Lot 2. Deceased Estate of John Norris. By order of the Trustees. Nos. 19 and 21 BERRY-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.—Pair of semi-detached brick Houses, each 4 rooms, kitchen, and offices, iron roofs, connected with sewer, land 44ft 3in by 118ft 3in, as per plan, to be exhibited at sale. Freehold.

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Lot 4. No. 100 BANK-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.—Detached Weatherboard Cottage, stone on brick piers, iron roof, contg. 3 rms., kit., offices, back and front verandah, connected with sewer, bowlhouses, side entrance, land 30ft x 127ft. Torrens Title. There is also a frontage to Ancrum-street. This cottage is in first-class order, with a nice outlook, and has a good garden back and front.

Lot 5. No. 10 MITCHELL-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY.—Brick Cottage, slate roof, 4 rms., bathroom, washhouse, every convenience, &c., land 30ft x 70ft. Freehold Title. Rental £39 10s. This cottage is well built, in a good position, within 6 minutes of tram of Lavender Bay Ferry, and is in tip-top order.

Lot 6. No. 23 ASHLEY and DARLING STREETS, CHATSWOOD.—Splendid corner Block of Land, having a frontage of 132ft to Ashley-street by a depth of 165ft to Darling-street. This is a capital Builder's Block of Land situated in a good locality, and in a rapidly rising suburb. Freehold Title.

Lot 7. VICTORIA-AVENUE, CHATSWOOD.—TWO ALLOTMENTS OF LAND, being Lots 7 and 9 Montgomery's Estate, having a frontage of 80ft by a depth of 132ft.

This land is situated in a good business position, in close proximity to the railway station. There is a Chemist's shop on one side and an Hotel on the corner, two blocks away.

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BRICK BUILT HOUSE IN M'DONALD-STREET,
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slate roof, verandah and balcony front and side, verandah at rear, and containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, and pantry; wooden sheds and stable. The land has 117 feet frontage by a depth of 288 feet.

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HURSTVILLE.—Penshurst Park Estate.
Lot 18, Sec. 4, corner Kingsgrove and Argyle roads.
Lots 11 and 12, Sec. 4, 165ft to Nicholson-street.
Lot 25, Sec. 4, Rosebery and Nicholson streets.
CONCORD.—Lots 17, 18, 22 of Ward's Estate, opposite Rundle's Property. Each fronts Ward-street, off Burwood-road. Good depths.
Plans on view.
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MACQUARIE-STREET SOUTH, CITY.

Handy to New Railway Station.
BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

DWELLING HOUSE, No. 233, Macquarie-street South, a few yards from Albion-street, of brick, front tuckpointed, stone foundation, slate and iron roof, verandah and balcony in front, and containing hall, 5 rooms, attic room, kitchen, pantry, bath, washhouse, and bath, wooden shed. LAND 13 feet 11 inches frontage by 86 feet back to lane, to which the frontage is 15 feet.

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The above city small home, close to business centre. (490)

FOR ABSOLUTE SALE,
by order of the
EXECUTORS of the Estate late ANTHONY KEOGH.

LOT 1. PYRMONT, SHOP and HOUSE, Nos. 212 and 214 HARRIS-STREET, a few feet from Pyrmont Bridge-road. They are brick on stone, cemented and painted, awning and balcony in front. The former contains half hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse fitted. The latter, shop, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse. Rental £127 10s per annum. Title leasehold, 50 years from 1st July, 1879; ground rent, £28 12s per annum. Land 44 feet by 100 feet.

LOT 2. PYRMONT, COTTAGE, No. 11 BRIDGE-STREET, at the corner of Little Edward-street. Is built of brick on stone, verandah in front, and containing 3 rooms and kitchen, shed. Rent 11s per week. Land 16 feet by 73 feet to 92 feet. Title leasehold, 50 years from 4th October, 1877, at £7 per annum.

LOT 3. NORTH ANNANDALE.
TWO COTTAGES, Florence and Woodbine, Nos. 248 and 250 TRAFALGAR-STREET, of brick on stone, cemented, verandah in front, and each containing hall, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse. Land 40 feet to Trafalgar-street and 30 feet to View-street. Rental £62 8s per annum. Title Torrens.

LOT 4. LEICHHARDT, W.B. COTTAGE of 3 rooms and kitchen. Land 20 feet frontage to Annesley-street, by 107½ feet. Torrens title. Rent 7s per week.

LOT 5. RIVERSTONE, Land, Park-road and Loftus-street, 23 feet by 264 feet. Torrens.

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The above.

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COTTAGE of Wboard, verandah, hall, 4 rooms, facing the railway line, on an elevated site, convenient to station. LAND, 1ac. 3r. 24½p., planted with fruit trees, etc. Torrens Title.

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ROOKWOOD,

CORNER of Parramatta-road, John and Francis streets.

COTTAGE of Brick and 4 ACRES of LAND.

It contains verandah, hall, six rooms, kitchen, washhouse, and sheds, in one or two lots, viz.,—

COTTAGE and ONE ACRE LAND,
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A valuable site to grow into big value with the progress of district, and probable shuttoirs to be close by.

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STANMORE. ANNANDALE.

NEAT COTTAGE, nearly new, faithfully erected of brick, tuck-pointed front, having verandah, hall, 5 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and washhouse, garden in front, asphalted yard at rear. Land, 30ft frontage to DERBY-AVENUE x 115ft along a lane and back to a lane.

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RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (535)

FLOOD-STREET, LEICHHARDT.

TWO COTTAGES, of Hardwood Wbds., near Regent-street, one has 4 rooms and kit., the other, Ivy Cottage, 3 rooms, kit., and washhouse. Land 50 x 120 ft., convenient and suitable for homes or renting.

AUCTION SALE, AT THE ROOMS, PITT-STREET, FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (685)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
RANDWICK.

A RESIDENCE known as THE GLEN, fronting ALISON-ROAD, standing within its own Grounds, having 125ft frontage to Alison-road, with a depth of 194ft on one side and 153ft on the other; width at rear, 154ft.

The Title is Leasehold for 99 years from 1st May, 1882. Ground rental, £7 per annum.

The Glen is built of brick and wood, on stone foundation, and contains 9 rooms, kitchen, and outoffices, including stabling, etc.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LIMITED, will sell by auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 11th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

The above Property at Randwick.

ARTHUR J. REYNOLDS, Esq., Moore and Castlereagh streets, Solicitor to the Mortgagee. (529)

PADDINGTON.

Neat and comfortable HOUSE, No. 164 WINDSOR-STREET, between Elizabeth-street and Point Piper-road, and handy to tram on Oxford-street. It is of brick, front and side cemented, stone foundations, slate roof, verandah and balcony, hall, 5 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse. Land 20ft frontage by 105ft back to a lane, sewer, gas, city water. Torrens Title. Key obtainable at No. 148 Windsor-street.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 11th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above, in good order. (524)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

ARNCLIFFE.

TWO Detached Brick COTTAGE VILLAS, in STATION-STREET, erected on land having 40 feet frontage with a depth of 120 feet. TORRENS TITLE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. Full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement.

Messrs. DEANE and DEANE are Solicitors of the Mortgagee. (533)

REDFERN FREEHOLD,
Within Easy Walking Distance of the Centre of the City.

No. 102 REDFERN-STREET, between Pitt and Castlereagh streets, a Two-Story HOUSE, erected on land 20ft x 100ft.

Inspection Invited. Liberal Terms.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock,

The above Property at Redfern.

Full particulars in future issue. (537)

HUNTER RIVER
and
WILLIAMS RIVER.

30 FREEHOLD FARMS,

A Subdivision of part of the noted

DUCKENFIELD PARK ESTATE

at NELSON'S PLAINS,
opposite to Raymond Terrace,
on the above famous Rivers,
admittedly one of the best among many superior properties.

ALLUVIAL FLATS,

which cannot be SURPASSED in the State.

A CHANCE TO BUY A FREEHOLD.

LEASES generally expire on 30th June, 1905. No. 4 only runs to 30th June, 1907. Six lots expire on 6 months' notice.

AREAS from 40 to 90 ACRES each.
Now returning
RENTS from 50s to 15s per acre.

TERMS:
10 PER CENT Deposit.
15 PER CENT. in three months.
10 PER CENT. in 12 months.
BALANCE in 5 years, at 5 per cent. Interest.

These Farms are almost matchless for richness of soil and productiveness, and Produce is convenient to market, via river or train. Steamers call daily.
3 BUTTER FACTORIES near by.

SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at
DUCKENFIELD HOUSE,
at 1.30 p.m.
on
NEXT SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER, 1903,
by
W. SPARKE,
Auctioneer, West Maitland,
who will afford every facility to further inspection,
and
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., Sydney,
acting under instructions from Messrs. EALES BROS.

LUNCHEON, 1 O'CLOCK.

Lithographs obtainable from either firm.
Descriptive Pamphlets on application.

THE FREEHOLD TO BE SOLD.

THE FARMS as numbered will be bid for, and each paddock in connection therewith, on the high land, will be charged in the contract at a low rate additional.

SURVEYOR to the Estate: C. W. B. KING, C.E., 129 Pitt-street, Sydney.
SOLICITORS: Messrs. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Equitable-chambers, George-street, Sydney.

(458)

IN THE ESTATE LATE LOUISA ANN SHIMMIN.

Lot 1.—PYRMONT. COTTAGE, No. 49 MURRAY-STREET, of wbds., on stone, verandah, 4 rooms, and kitchen; at rear is a wbd. COTTAGE of 2 rooms. RENTAL, £41 12s per annum. The Land has 20ft frontage to the west side of MURRAY-STREET, a few feet from Harwood-lane, depth 85ft. Leasehold 73 years to run, at a ground rent of £3 per annum.

Lot 2.—GUILDFORD HEIGHTS ESTATE. Allotments 12 and 20 of Sec. 15 Boyd and King's Subdn., 22ft to Berwick-street, 22ft to Chetwynd Grove, depth through 226ft. Torrens.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will Sell by Auction at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m., the above.

Messrs. J. WILLIAMSON and SONS are Solicitors of the Estate. (544)

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.
PARRAMATTA.

A Valuable BLOCK of LAND, having 168ft 10½in to the north side of GEORGE-STREET, between Charles and Harris streets, with a depth of 250ft 4in on one side and 161ft 11in on the other, extending back to Parramatta River, on which are erected the following premises:—

2 Semi-detached Brick Cottages, containing each hall, 3 rooms, kitchen, and washhouse.

A Brick Cottage, containing hall, 4 rooms, bathroom, pantry and kitchen.

A Brick Cottage, containing hall, 4 rooms, 2 small attic rooms, detached kitchen, etc., of weatherboard.

And a small Wooden Cottage (erected on 48ft of the above-described land) is subject to the Life Tenancy of a Lady about 60 years of age.

TITLE TORRENS.

Messrs. J. STUART THOM BROS. and CO., Castlereagh-street, Mortgagees' Solicitors.

AUCTION SALE AT THE ROOMS, PITT-STREET, on FRIDAY, 18th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (545)

By Order of the
PERPETUAL TRUSTEE CO., LTD.,
Executors of the Estate late W. G. Forster.

HOUSE, No. 86 TOOGOOD-STREET, ERSKINEVILLE, erected on land about 40 feet frontage, with a depth of about 67 feet. Rent 12s 6d per week.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD., will Sell by Auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above, full particulars of which will appear in future advertisement. (538)

NEWTOWN.—Brick HOUSE, No. 44 WATKIN-STREET, off King-street, on land 17 feet frontage by a depth of 90 feet back to a lane. By order of the Mortgagee.

AUCTION SALE, at our Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (539)

NORTH SYDNEY LAND.—LEVEL BLOCK of 120 feet frontage to MOODIE-STREET, off FALCON-STREET, near the Reserve, tram, and Alfred-street. AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LTD. (540)

PARK-AVENUE, ASHFIELD.

Positive Sale, by order of the Trustee.

COTTAGE, No. 15, built of brick, verandah, 4 rooms, etc. Land, 30ft frontage, depth 111ft back to a lane. Water and sewerage. Known as Mr. Sandeford's.

AUCTION SALE, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, 18th December,
at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (541)

NORTH BOTANY.

NEAT COTTAGE, corner King and William streets, a pleasant, convenient situation, handy to tram, well built of rusticated weatherboards, brick partitions, lath and plaster walls, verandah, hall (25 x 9), five rooms, bath, washbowl, etc. Land, 45 x 110 feet. An inspection invited, being attractive and comfortable.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (543)

CHURCH-STREET, PYRMONT.

HOUSE, No. 35, on the hill, pleasant situation, handy to tram, railway, and shipping; it is of two-story, of stone (chiefly) and brick, verandah, balcony, four rooms, bath, excellent basement. Leasehold title, 39 years yet to run at £6 per annum ground rental, a neat, desirable home.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11 o'clock.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd. (542)

CITY INVESTMENT.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

FOUR HOUSES, Nos. 206 to 212 CROWN-STREET, at the CORNER OF LIVERPOOL-STREET, Woolloomooloo. RENTAL, £182 per annum.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd., will sell by auction, at the Rooms, on FRIDAY, 18th December, at 11.30 a.m.,

The above. Full particulars in future advertisement.

C. M. DEANE, Esq., is Solicitor of the Mortgagee. (548)

TO CAPITALISTS, INVESTORS, TRUSTEES, and MANUFACTURERS.

REDFERN FREEHOLD,
Returning a
NET RENTAL of £339 PER ANNUM.

THAT EXTENSIVE and VALUABLE BLOCK OF LAND
having frontages of
155 FEET TO BOTANY-STREET
and
155 FEET TO BULLANAMING-STREET,
with the depth through of 207 feet.
On it, fronting Botany-street, are
THREE LARGE WORKSHOPS,
occupied by
Messrs. H. P. NEILSON and CO. and the PIONEER RAILWAY SPRING CO., Ltd.
At the rear, a
FACTORY (two floors), occupied by the ENTERPRISE SOAP CO.

***PART of the Frontage to BULLANAMING-STREET is VACANT and AVAILABLE for BUILDING PURPOSES.

***AN IMPORTANT BLOCK of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, in a CONVENIENT POSITION to RAILWAY and BUSINESS CENTRE.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, LIMITED, will sell by Auction at the Rooms, in JANUARY NEXT, due notice of which will be announced in future advertisement. (546)

BATT, RODD, AND PURVES, LTD.
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Conduct AUCTION SALES both in the Rooms and on the Ground.
FURNISH VALUATIONS for PROBATE, PARTITION and MORTGAGE.
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HUNTER VALLEY LAND.

IMPORTANT SUBDIVISIONAL SALE.

MINEMBAH.

3134 ACRES IN 27 FARMS.

AT SINGLETON ON 15th DECEMBER, AT 2 P.M.

EDWARD HIGGENS, PARKINSON and CO., and BAKER, SYDENHAM, and CO. (in conjunction) have received instructions from SYLVESTER BROWNE, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, at the Percy Hotel, Singleton, on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15th, at 2 p.m., 3134 ACRES, being some of the choicest portions of his splendidly situated and picturesque Estate, MINEMBAH, in 27 FARMS, ranging in size from 80 to 200 acres.

All rich and beautiful rolling country, all fit for the plough, and all prime dairying and fattening land, and capable of producing heavy crops of wheat, hay, lucerne, etc., 4 miles from Whittingham Railway Station and 7 miles from Singleton.

TERMS.
10 per cent. Deposit at Sale.
15 " " 3 months.
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Balance within 5 years from date of Sale.
Interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

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ORDER OF SALE
OF SUNDRY PROPERTIES,
&c.
to be OFFERED by PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the ROOMS, 133 PITT-STREET,
on
at Half-past Eleven a.m.,
THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER, 1903,
OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE'S Right, Title, and Interest (if any) in and to Land at Merrylands, Estate Edith H. M. Kennedy.

MARRICKVILLE.—ARGYLE TERRACE-ROAD. By order of the Master in Equity.

CITY.—BUSINESS PREMISES, No. 37 CASTLEREAGH-STREET and No. 45 ELIZABETH-STREET, at rear.

ELIZABETH BAY.—TWO RESIDENCES, Nos. 6 and 8 RAYMOND TERRACE.

DARLINGHURST.—TWO RESIDENCES, Nos. 176 and 178 BURTON-STREET.

DARLINGHURST.—THREE HOUSES, Nos. 336, 338, and 340 UPPER BROUGHAM-STREET.

CITY.—LONGUEVILLE CHAMBERS, No. 50 YOUNG-STREET. LEASEHOLD.

BURWOOD.—TWO HOUSES, LLANDOVER and OUNDLE, fronting PARK-ROAD.

PARRAMATTA.—TWO COTTAGES and Land fronting MARSDEN, LENNOX, and LANSDOWNE STREETS.

KURRAJONG.—THE NORTHFIELD ESTATE of about 231 ACRES, with RESIDENCE and other Improvements.

WAVERLEY.—THREE COTTAGES fronting CARRINGTON-ROAD, and FOUR COTTAGES at rear in CABLE-STREET.

ENMORE.—CURRIE BLOCK OF LAND, ENMORE-ROAD and EMILY-STREET, with W.B. PREMISES thereon.

LEICHHARDT.—HOUSE, known as HILLCREST, No. 1 FREDERICK-STREET.

GOSFORD (Brisbane Water).—W.B. STORE and DWELLING, KINCUMBER-ROAD. Mortgagees' Sale.

SPRINGWOOD.—EIGHT ACRES fronting BATHURST-ROAD.

HARDIE and GORMAN,
Auctioneers.

THIS DAY.

In the Assigned Estate of Mr. Alexander Dean
(SEPARATE ESTATE).

BY ORDER OF THE TRUSTEES.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE OF REALLY FIRST-CLASS RENT-PRODUCING PROPERTIES in the CITY and ELSEWHERE, and GOOD VACANT LANDS.

LOT 1, CITY,

CASTLEREAGH-STREET AND ELIZABETH-STREET.

THOSE CONSPICUOUS PREMISES occupied by THE STAR NEWSPAPER AND DEAN'S CHAMBERS, AN EXCEPTIONALLY FINE BLOCK, upon which are erected

NO. 22 CASTLEREAGH-STREET. A COMMODIOUS and SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT BUILDING, of 4 well lighted floors, let at £700 YEARLY.

Also, at the Rear,

NO. 45 ELIZABETH STREET. BUSINESS PREMISES and OFFICES, known as DEAN'S CHAMBERS, built of brick, and comprising 2 floors.

LAND, 41ft 9in to east side of CASTLEREAGH-STREET, and 37ft 2in to west side of ELIZABETH-STREET, with a depth through of 140ft 10in on the north side, and 150ft 4in on the south side. TITLE TORRENS.

LOT 2, CITY, YOUNG-STREET, close to THE METROPOLE HOTEL.

LONGUEVILLE-CHAMBERS,

NO. 50 YOUNG-STREET,

occupied by THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD, at £330 yearly.

LAND, 32ft x 79ft to lane at rear. TITLE, LEASEHOLD; 27 years from February 1st, 1882, at a Ground Rent of £30 per annum.

LOT 3, ELIZABETH BAY.

Two SPLENDIDLY BUILT TOWN RESIDENCES, known as

6 AND 8 BARNCLEUTH-SQUARE,

situate in an ELEVATED and MOST SELECT part, close to the junction of ELIZABETH BAY-ROAD and Macleay-street, each containing 9 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, and offices, and let at £126 yearly each, or £252 ANNUM FOR THE TWO.

LAND, 64ft 34in to BARNCLEUTH-SQUARE, by 82ft to AMOS-LANE, at rear. TITLE, FREEHOLD.

LOT 4, DARLINGHURST.

Two WELL-BUILT HOUSES, known as ROTHE'S TERRACE,

NOS. 106 AND 108 BURTON-STREET,

between DARLINGHURST ROAD and FORBES-STREET, opposite the Gaol, each containing 7 rooms, bathroom, kitchen, etc., and let at £84 yearly each, or £168 PER ANN. FOR THE TWO.

LAND, 39ft to north side of BURTON-STREET, by a depth of 116ft along a side lane. TITLE, TORRENS.

LOT 5, DARLINGHURST.

A TERRACE OF 3 BRICK-BUILT HOUSES,

NOS. 336, 338, 340 UPPER BROUGHAM-STREET,

close to LIVERPOOL-STREET, each containing 5 rooms, kitchen, etc., let at 15s per week each, or £234 16s PER ANN. FOR THE THREE.

LAND, 43ft 3in to the east side of BROUGHAM-STREET, by 80ft deep. TITLE, FREEHOLD.

LOT 6, BURWOOD, PARK-ROAD. TWO BRICK-BUILT DWELLINGS, known as LLANOVER and OUNDLE, built of brick with slate roofs, each containing verandahs front and back, halls, 6 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, and washhouse (Llanover has an additional small room), each let at 14s 6d per week, or £75 8s per annum for the two.

The Land has frontages of
200ft to PARK-ROAD (west side)
210ft to GLADSTONE-STREET (south side), and
200ft to CARILLA-STREET. TITLE, TORRENS.

LOT 7, PARRAMATTA. BLOCK of LAND having the following frontages:—
192ft to MARSDEN-STREET
140ft to LENNOX STREET
152ft to LANSDOWNE-STREET,
on which are erected 2 COTTAGES (facing LENNOX-STREET), built of brick, with slate roofs, each containing 2 rooms and kitchen, and let at 5s per week each. Title Torrens.

LOT 8, SPRINGWOOD. Vacant Land, 35 acres 3 rds 25 per, being Lot 11 of MALVERN HILLS SUBDIVISION (Sir Henry Parkes'). TITLE, TORRENS.

LOT 9, SPRINGWOOD. Vacant Land, 8 ACRES, fronting BATHURST-ROAD, between Springwood and Faulconbridge, being portion of Fletcher's Grant of 30 acres, portions No. 17 Parish of Coomanie. TITLE, TORRENS.

HARDIE and GORMAN (in conjunction with Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.) have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.

THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), DECEMBER 9, 1903, the above-described Valuable Properties.

ALBERT BORCHARD, Esq., F.S.I.A.,
Incorporated Accountant.
Equitable-buildings, George-street.

NORTH BOTANY, CLOSE TO THE MAIN ROAD and TRAM.

LARGE MANUFACTURING BLOCK, or SUITABLE for SUBDIVISION INTO SMALLER FACTORY SITES. WATER BEING OBTAINABLE WITHIN A FEW FEET OF THE SURFACE.

10 ACRES 2 RD. 12 PER., fronting COWARD-STREET. ON THE LAND IS A LARGE W.B. COTTAGE, known as "MARSHBANK," containing hall, verandah, 8 rooms, also kitchen and outhouses.

TITLE, TORRENS.

HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by public auction, at their Sale Rooms, 133 Pitt street, at 11.30 o'clock,

NEXT MONDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 1903,
The above-described Property, fronting COWARD-STREET, NORTH BOTANY.

DOUBLE BAY. TORRENS TITLE.

A DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCE, known as COMPTON, COOPER-STREET,

situate off LOWER OCEAN-STREET, in a good RESIDENTIAL LOCALIT

FUNERALS.

HEYCOCK.—The Funeral of the late Miss KATHARINE EMMA HEYCOCK will move from St. James's Church, King-street, for Waverley Cemetery, immediately after service, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, which takes place at 8 o'clock.
Mrs. F. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.
Tel., 875.

DOHERTY.—The Friends of Mr. WILLIAM DOHERTY and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE and their MOTHER, Alice Doherty; to leave his residence, 23 Fotheringham-street, Marrickville, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 8.45, to the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON, Undertaker, 29 Oxford-street; and 204 George-street West.

DOHERTY.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DOHERTY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved MOTHER, Alice Doherty; to leave her late residence, 26 Fotheringham-street, Marrickville, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 8.45, to the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON.

DOHERTY.—The Friends of WILLIAM, ANTHONY, and JOHN MAKEPEACE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SISTER, Alice Doherty; to leave 23 Fotheringham street, Marrickville, THIS (Wednesday) MORNING, at 8.45, to the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. T. DIXON.

CUNNINGHAM.—The Friends of the late Mr. JAMES CUNNINGHAM are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to move from 28 Temple-street, Stanmore, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Independent Cemetery, Rookwood, via Petersham Station.
F. J. FIELD, Undertaker, Ashfield. Tele., 143 A.

HARRISON.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOSHUA HARRISON are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; which will leave his late residence, 57 Macquarie-street South, city, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors, &c.,
Tel., 726, &c. Sydney and Suburbs.

HARRISON.—The Friends of Mr. ALFRED HUGHES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FRIEND, Joshua Harrison; which will leave 57 Macquarie-street South, city, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
WOOD and COMPANY.

OWEN.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. EMMA OWEN will leave her late residence, Glendower, 10 Norton-street, Leichhardt, TO-MORROW (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter to 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Petersham station.
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Funeral Directors, &c.,
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FRASER.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARY FRASER will leave her son-in-law's residence, Penharwood, 154 Hereford-street, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Funeral Directors.

BEAUMONT.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. SARAH BEAUMONT, relict of the late James Beaumont, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral to leave her late residence, 3 Collins-street, Alexandria, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY,
Tel., 424. Undertakers and Embalmers.

KELSO.—The Friends of Mr JAMES KELSO are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 48 Marion-st reet, Newtown, THIS AFTERNOON, 1.45 train, for Rookwood, via Newtown station.
A. M'KAY, Undertaker, 128 Station-street, Newtown.

FLETCHER.—The Friends of HENRY, ALIC, JAMES, RICHARD, LETTY, CATHERINE, MICHAEL, and SARAH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER; to move from her late residence, 17 George-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., for Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers.

FLETCHER.—The Friends of THOMAS, LIZZIE, EMILY, JAMES LENNETT, also MARY and CLARKE, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved GRANDMOTHER; to move from her late residence, 17 George-street, Newtown, THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., for Rookwood.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Undertakers.

WELLINGTON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM WELLINGTON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON and BROTHER, Charles H., which will leave their residence, Gracesville, 97 Audley-street, Petersham, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
J. MEDCALF, Undertaker,
Redfern.

LEIGHTON.—The Friends of the deceased Mrs. ALICE LEIGHTON are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her residence, 104 Womerah avenue, Darlinghurst, THIS WEDNESDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for the Waverley Cemetery.
Mrs. F. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers,
7 Elizabeth-street, and 113 Miller-street,
Tel., 875. North Sydney.

PUCKERIDGE.—The Friends of Mr. RICHARD PUCKERIDGE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE; to leave the residence of her son-in-law, Robey-street, North Botany, for Wesleyan Cemetery, Botany, THIS DAY, at 3.15.
C. FIELD, Undertaker, 56 Botany-road, Alexandria.

FISHBURN.—The Friends of Mr. JAMES FISHBURN (and FAMILY) are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly beloved eldest DAUGHTER, Phyllis; to move from his residence, Castle Hill, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY, at 3.30, for Castle Hill Cemetery.
R. METCALFE, Undertaker, Parramatta.

CORK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CORK, sen., and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Amy Rosina; to move from their residence, 215 Riley-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY) at quarter to 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

CORK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. CORK, jun., are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SISTER, Amy Rosina Cork; to move from her parents' residence, 215 Riley-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), at quarter to 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. C. Kinsela, Undertaker.

CORK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. TAYLOR and Mr. and Mrs. J. NEAL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved NIECE, Amy Rosina Cork; to move from her parents' residence, 215 Riley-street, Surry Hills, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY) at quarter to 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

CORK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. TRAPP and of Mrs. ANNIE FULTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved NIECE, Amy Rosina Cork; to move from her parents' residence, 215 Riley-street, Surry Hills, for Waverley Cemetery, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.45.

CORK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE WHATHAM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved COUSIN, Amy Rosina Cork; to move from her parents' residence, 215 Riley-street, Surry Hills, THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for Waverley Cemetery.

JOYCE.—The Friends of the late Mr. HENRY JOYCE are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will leave his late residence, 19 Napier-street, North Sydney, THIS (Wednesday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for St. Thomas's Cemetery.
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